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Search aircraft finds body off Grand Canary as sons take over media tycoon's empire

Robert Maxwell dies at sea

By Jamie Dettmer and Tim Jones

ROBERT Maxwell was drowned yesterday after apparently falling overboard from his yacht while cruising around the Canary Islands. A body was found in waters off Grand Canary yesterday evening just as an air and sea search was being called off for the night.

The newspaper publisher was last seen strolling on deck at about 4.35am, but his absence was not noted for some six hours until he failed to answer a telephone call in his stateroom. The boat was searched three times before the coastguard was informed and a rescue operation launched.

Trading in his two main companies — Maxwell Communications Corporation and Mirror Group Newspapers — was suspended at the companies' request yesterday afternoon, and Mr Maxwell's sons, Kevin and Ian, were appointed acting chairmen. Ian had on Monday deputised for his father who had been due to give a speech to the Anglo-Jewish Association in London. Dr Elizabeth Maxwell told organisers half an hour before the event that her husband had been taken ill.

Dr Maxwell yesterday flew to Tenerife with her eldest son, Philip. He later went to Las Palmas to identify a body said to match his father's description.

Mr Maxwell, aged 68, had flown from London last Thursday to join the motor yacht *Lady Ghislaine* for a few days after a hectic round of business deals and the controversy over allegations that he had links with Israel's secret service, Mossad. The claims, in a book called *The Samson Option*, were vigorously denied and Mr Maxwell had launched libel proceedings against the author, Seymour Hersh, and the publisher, Faber and Faber.

Mr Maxwell had joined the Lady Ghislaine, named after his daughter, at Gibraltar and sailed for Madeira before cruising around the Canaries over the weekend. He was the only passenger on board with a 13-man crew. While cruising, Mr Maxwell made several telephone calls to executives who described his mood as "cheerful and normal".

He was last heard of at 4.45am yesterday when he called the bridge from his stateroom to ask for the air conditioning to be turned down. Shortly before that, he had been seen taking a walk on deck. The yacht continued to cruise through calm waters until 9.45 when it docked off Los Cristianos in southwest Tenerife. It was not until 11am when Mr Maxwell failed to respond to a call from New York that Captain Gus Rankin became concerned.

When the publisher's personal steward confirmed that he was not in the stateroom, the captain ordered three thorough searches of the boat. International rescue services were then alerted and the Lady Ghislaine retraced her voyage while helicopters, a fixed-wing aircraft and a surface vessel searched between Grand Canary and Tenerife.

A body was spotted by one of the aircraft at about 6pm and, after being winched aboard a helicopter, was taken to Gando airport in Las Palmas. The body was said to match Mr Maxwell's description and to bear a distinguishing scar near one of the eyes.

News of Mr Maxwell's disappearance was announced by the Mirror group at 3.14 yesterday afternoon after dealing in the company's shares had been suspended. Staff at the *Daily Mirror* were called together by Richard Stott, the paper's editor, and told that the proprietor was believed to have fallen overboard. At the same time, a telephone caller to the Glasgow newsroom of the *Daily Record* was told: "We're having a panic meeting here. I can't speak."

Charles Wilson, editorial director of the Mirror group, said it was "pretty normal" for Mr Maxwell to be out on deck at 4.25am. "He was a light sleeper, often up and about throughout the night." Asked about recent controversies surrounding the publisher, Mr Wilson said: "What normal people consider pressure was meat and drink to Robert Maxwell. His last conversation that I can find was with his son, Ian, who spoke to him at 11 o'clock last night when they had a normal business and family conversation and he was in a perfectly good mood." Ernest Burrington, the group's managing director, said Mr Maxwell had told him on Monday that he would be returning to England today.

Leading political and media figures reacted with shock and dismay to the news that Mr Maxwell was missing. John Major described him as "a great character" who had given him valuable insights into the Soviet Union during the attempted coup in August. The prime minister added: "I am sure he would not want us to grieve at his loss, but marvel at a quite extraordinary life, lived to the full."

Neil Kinnock described Mr Maxwell, who was Labour MP for Buckingham from 1964 until 1970, as having great zest.

Anne Robinson, a senior columnist with the *Daily Mirror*, said journalists were shocked and quite unable to comprehend what had happened. Mr Maxwell's rival publisher, Rupert Murdoch, said: "Mr Maxwell was a remarkable man. My wife and I send our personal condolences to Mrs Maxwell and her family."

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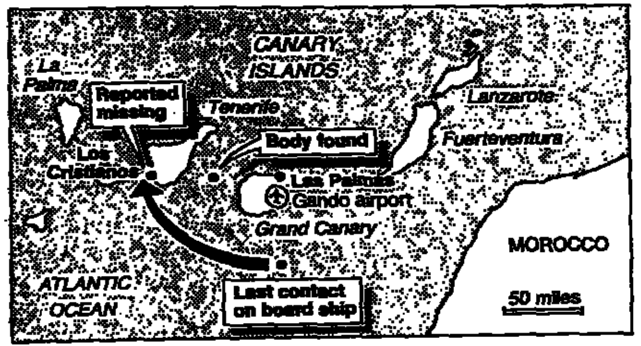

In command: Robert Maxwell and his wife Elizabeth on their motor yacht *Lady Ghislaine*, which was named after one of his daughters

Shares suspended at year's low

By Angela Mackay

SHARES in Maxwell Communication Corp and Mirror Group Newspapers were suspended on the stock exchange in mid-afternoon before it became public that Robert Maxwell, chairman of both companies, had disappeared at sea.

Initially, the market expected an announcement related to MCC's crippling debts, which exceed £1.3 billion, and plans to ease this burden by floating its American businesses. However, ten minutes later, a statement from MCC said the chairman's disappearance had caused the suspension.

When the shares ceased trading, they were at their lowest levels for the year. This reflected growing concern about how Mr Maxwell was going to meet his debts and news that, earlier in the day, one of his bankers, Goldman Sachs, had sold some of its stake in MCC.

Two of Mr Maxwell's sons were appointed acting chairmen of the companies — Kevin to MCC and Ian to Mirror Group — to calm investors and ensure a smooth succession.

Stockbrokers said that, when the suspensions were lifted, they expected MCC's value to drop sharply in case Mr Maxwell's death meant his finances were in worse shape than the market had forecast. Mirror Group would fare better, they suggested, because it was more remote from the master company. It is, however, 51 per cent controlled by Robert Maxwell Holdings, a private Maxwell company, which is also laden with debt.

MCC has been selling assets during the year, but needed the cash injection a flotation in America would provide to make sure it met its next debt payment of $750 million.

One of Mr Maxwell's biggest problems with the market had been a credibility gap, illustrated by the long lead time heralding the flotation of Mirror Group. He originally announced his plan in January 1985, shelved it in December 1988, put it back on the agenda in April 1989 and said he would complete the deal by the end of last year.

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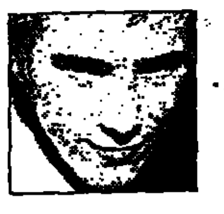

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Ministers treading Maastricht tightrope

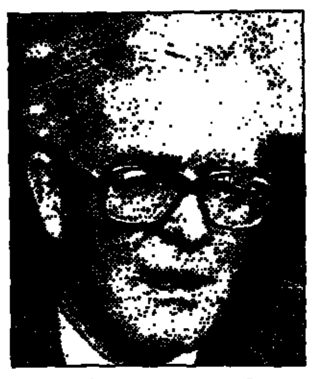
By Michael Binyon and Robin Oakley

GROWING British pessimism about the Maastricht summit in December is being reflected in ministerial attempts to talk down the prospects of achieving agreement on monetary and political union.

Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, attempted to lower expectations yesterday by saying that the most that could be hoped for at the European summit was a step forward. He said: "We cannot settle the final shape of Europe in four weeks' time."

Ministers are now treading an ever more tortuous tightrope. Agreeing to a package in Maastricht which splits the party could prove a heavy blow to Conservative hopes of winning the next election. But there are also fears that failure to achieve a deal would be successfully exploited by Labour, which would present itself as the more forward-looking pro-European party.

In a significant change in tack, ministers are therefore starting to sell the idea that no agreement would be better than the wrong agreement. But their problems of party management are now becoming acute, with pro-Europeans arguing that too much is being conceded to the Euro-sceptics for fear of what Norman Tebbit and Margaret Thatcher might do. Middle-of-the-road party loyalists who see themselves as "positive but not fanatical about Europe" are now demanding that their voice is heard as well as that of the more vehement factions.



Hurd: caricatures of Britain dismissed

In the Commons yesterday the prime minister stressed his continued determination to work for a European union agreement. He said: "When I get to Maastricht, if I judge the agreement is in the interests of this country, I will sign it." But he added, to some Tory cheers: "If I judge an agreement is not in the interests of this country, then it would not be right for me to sign it and I will not sign it."

Challenged by David Hinchliffe, the Labour MP, to say yes or no to whether he favoured a single European currency Mr Major replied: "At this moment, in these circumstances — no." Downing Street later said this was because there was no convergence yet of EC economies and there was no final treaty text setting out the convergence requirements.

Mr Hurd warned yesterday in The Hague that any agreement achieved at Maastricht had to convince Parliament and the British people that it was good for individual states and for the Community as a whole. It must be workable and enduring.

Speaking to the Atlantic Commission, Mr Hurd dismissed what he called the "confusing caricatures" of Britain now circulating among its partners. He said thoroughness and thoughtfulness should not be mistaken for reluctance and rejection.

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Moscow provides turn-up for the Irish books

By Edward Gorman
Irish Affairs Correspondent

IRISH bookmakers from Co Cork are to open for business tomorrow at the "Million on Ice" hockey tournament in the Sports Dome outside Moscow. In the first venture of its kind, Paul Cashman and Martin Healy, who run a string of six betting shops in Cork city, have been invited by the Russian authorities to demonstrate Western-style betting at one of the biggest tournaments of the year. If their venture is successful, the Cork men believe there is potential for a large-scale, and very lucrative, association with the Russians.

Liam Cashman, Paul's father, said his son would spend about a week in Moscow. During his stay he and Mr Healy would prepare a report for the authorities which would be considered in the preparation of new, more liberal, gambling laws. "The ice-hockey federation and government are very anxious to instal a proper system for all sports — they want a Western betting system," Mr Cashman said, adding: "There are obvious opportunities for expansion. The Russians, like the Chinese, British and Irish, love a gamble."

He explained that most betting in Russia at present was between individuals on a one-to-one basis. There was only a single state tote system operating off-track at dog and horse meetings. Ice hockey was the only sport where gambling was legal, he said.

The two Irish bookmakers will be operating a relatively simple system at tomorrow's opening game of the tournament, which is expected to attract 10,000 fans a day. "We have had to bring the betting back to the 1960s basics to suit the Russians, who are 30 to 35 years behind us in some respects," Paul Cashman said.

The venture is the latest in a series of profitable Russian-Irish associations. Aer Rianta, the Irish airports authority, recently opened the first ever duty-free shop at Moscow airport, complete with a traditional "shamrock" Irish bar. The authority also holds a big contract to service and paint Aeroflot jets at Shannon airport.

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I'd like to lose my shirt to an IRISH bookie — if I had a SHIRT.

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ROBERT MAXWELL: THE MAN AND HIS EMPIRE

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Business empire with a mixture of private and public interests

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

SEVEN months ago, the heavily indebted Maxwell Communications Corporation sold Pergamon Press to a Dutch publishing group for £440 million. At the same time, Robert Maxwell announced that he would be standing down as chairman and chief executive of the company to concentrate on Mirror Group Newspapers and other private interests.

In the event, he stayed on as chairman, with his son Kevin as chief executive, but the decisions were a watershed in his remarkable and controversial career.

Pergamon Press was the unique creation of Mr Maxwell and the engine of his business fortunes. After his wartime exploits, Captain Maxwell, MC, found his niche in post-war Berlin, among the scientists, scientific papers and journals abandoned after the fall of the Third Reich. He realised that a scientific tradition remained after a political empire had been lost and built a business empire by cornering the stocks of scientific journals and then the future output of the scientists, which he sold at high prices to universities and academic institutions.

Pergamon was floated on the stock exchange and grew rapidly, partly by acquisition, though Mr Maxwell lost an epic battle for the *News of the World* with Rupert Murdoch, who was to become his business rival, later buying the ailing *Sun*, which Mr Maxwell had also coveted.

In 1969, apparently disillusioned and pursuing a political career, Mr Maxwell agreed a £25 million takeover bid from Leasco, an American financial group. This was withdrawn and degenerated into recrimination after Pergamon profits were questioned. Mr Maxwell was ousted from his own company and subjected to an investigation by inspectors for the Department of Trade and Industry.

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The inspectors found that Pergamon profits depended on transactions with Maxwell family private companies and, in a famous passage disputed by Mr Maxwell in a series of actions that led to reform of investigations, alleged that he was unfit to be in charge of a public company. The rump of Pergamon, which depended on its scientific authors, languished without its creator and Mr Maxwell eventually returned to lead Pergamon as a private company.

After biding his time and restoring the fortunes of Pergamon, Mr Maxwell returned to public companies by accumulating a controlling interest in British Printing Corporation, the biggest magazine printing company in Britain, but had fallen into heavy losses due to poor management and overmanning. Mr Maxwell acted decisively to restore its fortunes.

The mixture of private and public interest soon reappeared, however. The Maxwell family interests, then ultimately traced back to an inpenetrable charitable trust in Liechtenstein, invested in more public companies in anything from heavy engineering to market research.

Mr Maxwell made his long-desired entrance into control of national newspapers in 1984 when Pergamon Press, still private, bought Mirror Group Newspapers from Reed International, a conglomerate that had hoped to float the *Daily* and *Sunday Mirror* and *The People* as a separate company. Mr Maxwell came in with a cash offer much larger than the flotation was likely to raise.

He completely changed MGN, cutting out layers of costs and introducing new methods of colour printing ahead of his main rivals. As at British Printing, eventually renamed Maxwell Communications Corporation, profits responded rapidly, doubling from £27 million in 1988 to £53 million last year.

By then Mr Maxwell had set himself another goal, to build a world-scale publishing group. The original printing business was to be sold in favour of building up publishing interests.

After a costly move into international airline guides and some embarrassing false starts, MCC won an epic takeover struggle for Macmillan, an American publishing house that had expanded far beyond books into anything from business magazines to Berlitz language schools. The $2.6 billion deal, completed three years ago, was thought by many at the time to be too expensive.

The ensuing strain on the finances of MCC and of the entire Maxwell family empire, was, however, more immediately due to high interest rates and the fears of straitened bank lenders as a series of financial empires built from acquisition in those heady boom years subsided.

Since then, Mr Maxwell's priorities have been to sell assets and raise money whether through his public or private interests. The flotation of Mirror Group Newspapers in May at a value of about £500 million was one of the most crucial elements in this process. Its value to Mr Maxwell's family interests was far greater than it seemed in terms of the movement of loans as well as cash raised. However, the shares were soon shunned.

MGN is itself financially healthy, MCC has met its debt repayments, but the struggle for the future of the family's holdings was still being fought this autumn.

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Debts grew and profits shrank

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

ROBERT Maxwell had faced pressures in the past eight months few other businessmen could withstand without cracking. Huge debts threatened his global media empire, which had been built up against all odds, while unsubstantiated allegations linked him with the Israeli secret service Mossad.

But Mr Maxwell, a larger-than-life character, thrived on adversity. He survived Nazi persecution of the Jews in Eastern Europe and a major financial scandal which resulted in the Department of Trade and Industry reporting in 1971 that he "was not a person who can be relied on to exercise proper stewardship" of a public limited company. Charles Wilson, the former *Times* editor who is Mr Maxwell's editorial director, said yesterday: "What normal people consider pressure was meat and drink to Robert Maxwell."

Determination to create one of the world's ten largest media groups and a penchant for firing off writs to all and sundry had helped him to build an empire that Wall Street, the City and most media pundits agree is teetering on the brink. With debts at more than £1.35 billion, not including undisclosed debt in his web of private interests, Mr Maxwell had been under mounting pressure from his bankers and shareholders to sell off many of the assets he had strived so hard to acquire. Profits began to shrink as he sold the cash-generating Pergamon Press, the origin of his empire and the part closest to his heart, and other assets.

Meanwhile, the recession was hammering his newspaper profits. *The New York Daily News*, which he acquired in a blaze of publicity earlier this year, is still making significant losses. So is *The European*, his ambitious weekly which has never managed to lift its sales much above 200,000.

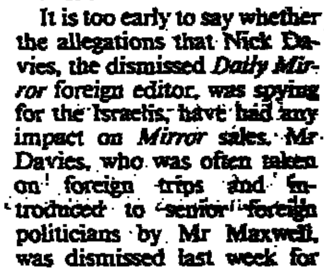
THE PRESSURES

BBC Television's investigation on *Panorama* last month into his labyrinthine share deals, accounting methods and inter-company dealings did not help to bolster investor confidence in Mr Maxwell.

But the *Panorama* allegations did not lead to a significant drop in *Mirror* circulation, which in September stood at 2.9 million (3.68 million if combined with his *The Record* in Scotland), compared to *The Sun*'s 3.76 million.

It is too early to say whether the allegations that Nick Davies, the dismissed *Daily Mirror* foreign editor, was spying for the Israelis, have had any impact on *Mirror* sales. Mr Davies, who was often taken on foreign trips and introduced to senior foreign politicians by Mr Maxwell, was dismissed last week for making "untrue denials" of a meeting with Clarence Kaufman, an arms dealer, in Ohio in 1985.

Mr Maxwell, also implicated by Seymour Hersh's book *The Samson Option*, said when the allegations first surfaced: "The accusations against me are ludicrous, a total invention." He had begun legal action for alleged libel against the book's publishers.


Davies: sacked from the *Mirror* for untrue denials

Soldier, MP and publisher

1923: Robert Maxwell born Jan Ludvik Hoch on June 10, in small village on Czech-Romanian border. Described by himself as "self-educated".

1939: joined the Czech army in France after marching across Hungary and Yugoslavia. Made his way to Britain and joined the Pioneer Corps.

1944: took part in the Normandy landings as a sniper sergeant and commissioned as a second lieutenant.

1945: awarded Military Cross and promoted to captain. Transferred to Intelligence Corps; head of British Forces press section in Berlin, 1945-7. Changed name to Maxwell in 1945 and married Elisabeth. Couple have three sons and one daughter. Another son died in infancy.

1948: founded and became chairman of Robert Maxwell Ltd.

1960: chairman of Labour national fund-raising foundation and Labour working party on science, government and industry.

1961: director of Gaulthier-Villars, publishers, Paris.

1964: elected Labour MP for Buckingham until defeated in 1970 election. Unsuccessfully contested seat again in two 1974 general elections.

1965: chairman of Roundhouse Trust.

1966: director of Computer Technology Ltd.

1968: chairman and chief executive, International Learning Systems Corporation

1981: founder and publisher of Pergamon Press, chairman of BPCC.

1982: Chairman of SelecTV.

1984: Chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers, Oxford United FC and British Cable Services.

In 1971, accused of misrepresenting assets on Stock Exchange. Trade and industry department inspectors reported he was "not a person who can be relied on to exercise proper stewardship".

Love affair with New York turned sour after plaudits for News rescue

From CHARLES BREMNER
IN NEW YORK

LAST TAKEOVER

NEW YORK must have been one of the few towns in the world where strangers would rush up to Robert Maxwell in the street and pump his hand with gratitude.

They started doing that last March after Mr Maxwell saved the near-bankrupt *New York Daily News*, the city's biggest-selling tabloid, and the persona of Captain Bob entered the cast of larger-then-life New York celebrities.

Moved by the adulation, Mr Maxwell wondered to reporters on a stroll through the streets: "How do I capture the imagination of this city and hold on to it? I'm not used to this kind of honeymoon."

The acquisition of the *News*, for which Mr Maxwell was paid $60 million by its previous owners, marked the high point in his attempt to turn himself into a full-blown American publishing baron. His American shopping spree had already brought him the Macmillan company, the Berlitz language schools and a popular racing daily.

Declaring the *News* to be his last big project before retirement, Mr Maxwell threw himself with his usual gusto into promoting himself along with his publication. He could be seen beaming on billboards and his gravelly voice could be heard on the radio commanding: "We're back, buy us".

His latest ambitious gamble was to launch an American edition of *The European* last month. The *News*, whose largely working-class readership would seem unlikely prospects for the foreign weekly, were treated to full-page portraits of Mr Maxwell announcing his exciting new venture.

He insisted, however, that profit was his goal, denying that the edition was an exercise in vanity. "I'm not the Salvation Army," he said at the launch press conference, which he staged in a hall of the United Nations building, hard by the East River yacht basin where the Lady Ghislaine, his yacht, had become a familiar sight.

However, Mr Maxwell's proclaimed devotion to becoming a New Yorker had waned in recent months as his troubles in London required his presence there, and New York's love affair turned somewhat sour.

Wall Street has not favoured his plans to spin off his American operations into an independent unit and he suffered from what he said was a vendetta against him by journalists who were overly influenced by the prejudices of their British colleagues.

However, unlike the British reaction, the claim by Seymour Hersh and British MPs that Mr Maxwell had helped the Israeli government, caused him little damage in New York.

Mr Maxwell was said to be growing worried about the fate of the *News*, which has cost far more to turn around than he predicted. Although his team has recovered about half the lost circulation and won back advertisers, it is still said to be losing about $1 million a month, after soaking up the $60 million he received from the Tribune Company for taking on all its liabilities.

"The *News* is a captainless ship for long periods of time, without anyone to make day-to-day decisions," Barry Lipton, president of the Newspaper Guild, complained last month.

Mr Maxwell had also not endeared himself to editorial staff on the *News* by inserting his own editorials, with a leftwing slant at odds with the newspaper's traditional voice.

His editorial page director left for other fields in August after Mr Maxwell ordered him to publish a leader calling on Western countries to help to shore up the centralised Soviet Union of its president, Mikhail Gorbachev.

However, an atmosphere of shock descended on the newspaper's art deco headquarters on 42nd Street yesterday as staff wondered whether Mr Maxwell's successors would be less disposed than him to keeping their loss-making newspaper on its feet.

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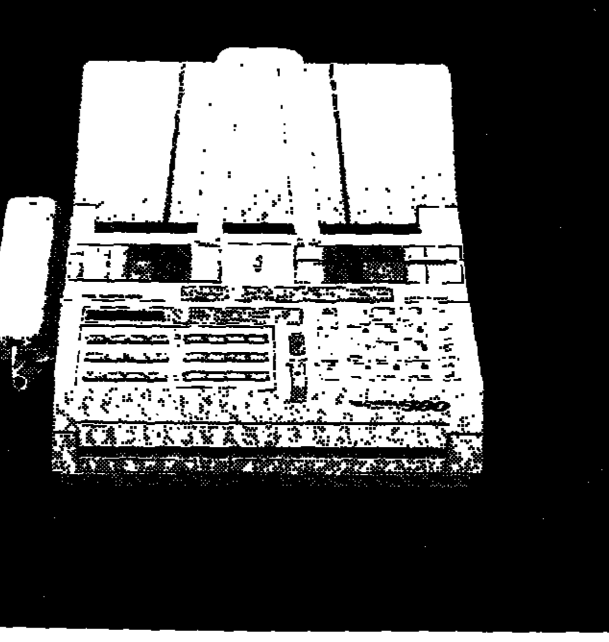

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ROBERT MAXWELL: THE FAMILY AND LIFESTYLE

Chance meeting set a course for life

EARLY LIFE

By Alan Hamilton

TO BECOME a larger-than-life character, simultaneously adored and reviled, generous and piratical, it is never a bad thing to have as a starting point roots that are humble, obscure, mysterious and, preferably, foreign. On that basis, Robert Maxwell was weighed down with privilege from the day he was born.

There was nothing remotely auspicious about the birth of Jan Lodvik Koch on June 10, 1923. His parents were humble farm labourers in the Carpathian mountains of Czechoslovakia, and that is all that he, too, might have been had not the war intervened.

With little or no formal education, he found himself in the Czech army at the age of 15, but with the onset of war he became one of thousands of central European Jews who realised that a Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia was not the best place to be.

Making his way through France, and changing his name several times — including, at one stage, to du Maurier — he reached England in 1940.

Adding a year to his real age, he joined the British Army and spent nearly four inglorious years as a ranker in the Pioneer Corps, until he was commissioned in the field in Normandy and won the Military Cross.

Having changed his name again, he decided to stick with it: Ian Robert Maxwell. He decided, too, to stick with Britain as his adopted country.

As soon as hostilities were over, he was posted to Berlin as a press officer with the British Control Commission, overseeing newly launched German newspapers. There he met, by chance, Julius Springer, the German publisher, a meeting which set the course of his life. Springer had access to huge piles of German scientific documents, and convinced Mr Maxwell that there would be a huge demand for them among the worldwide scientific community.

Demobbed in 1947, Mr Maxwell returned to Britain as Springer's representative in this country and, with his £300 army gratuity, bought a small London bookshop, while at the same time repairing the omissions of his formal education by learning nine languages.

Another chance meeting, this time with Sir Charles Hambro, the merchant banker, was to prove even more significant. He persuaded Hambro to lend him £13,000, convincing the financier that the world was hungry for technical publications.

With the money, he founded Pergamon Press, and never looked back. If he underpaid his authors and overpriced his books, it seemed not to matter.

He calculated, correctly, that scientists would be willing to write for the sheer kudos of being read around the world, and that, even if Pergamon's output contained a fair amount of dross, other scientists would be more than willing to fork out for his lavishly expensive titles to get at the few jewels within.

His lifestyle kept pace with Pergamon's success. He moved into Headington Hall, in Oxford, and brushed aside the complaints of neighbours who said his peacocks made too much noise. He was socially gauche and blundering, but glossed over his gaffes with an immense self-constructed patriotism and enthusiasm for all things British that only a foreigner could achieve.

He proclaimed loudly and proudly that he was a socialist, claiming that his mother had been a member of the Social Democratic Party of Czechoslovakia, and that he himself had joined the Fabian Society in 1945.

Yet British socialism resented him. When he won the nomination as Labour candidate for Buckingham in 1959, he endured a malicious whispering campaign against him, based mainly on the fact that he was foreign, but had never come clean about who he really was.

Nor did they care for him owning a Rolls-Royce (he actually campaigned in a much more humble Humber), nor for the fact that, somewhere along the line in his brief but meteoric business career, one of his companies had failed.

Mr Maxwell came clean about Mr Koch, and laughed off the rest. His tenacity was rewarded; at the 1964 general election, he seized the former Tory marginal with a slender majority of 1,481. Even had he lost, he would have had the satisfaction of knowing that Pergamon Press had just made him his first million.

Family man: Robert Maxwell and his wife, Elisabeth, with their children, from left, Ghislaine, Ian, Anne, Kevin and Christine

The candidate: during the campaign in Buckingham

The soldier: in the British Army during the war

Sons groomed to succeed at the top

By Angela Mackay

SONS

ROBERT Maxwell had worked hard to secure the succession in the companies he built up by ensuring that his sons occupied responsible, high-profile positions in the businesses.

Ian Maxwell, aged 35, appointed acting chairman of Mirror Group Newspapers yesterday, was already deputy chairman of the new company, which was floated five months ago. He was joint managing director of Maxwell Communication Corporation with his younger brother, Kevin, until July 1, but resigned that post to concentrate on Mirror Group. He remains, however, on MCC's board as a non-executive director and is managing director of *The European.*

While Ian Maxwell was earmarked to take over the newspaper interests in which his father took such a passionate interest, it was Kevin Maxwell who was heir to the stewardship of his father's master company, MCC. Kevin, aged 32, was appointed acting chairman of MCC yesterday and is managing director of the group.

One media executive said; "Both are very likeable men. Ian is very sensible and able, but Kevin has struck me as the shrewder player. They are not extroverts like their father, they are more conventional City types and I believe the companies' bankers have been favourably impressed."

In an interview earlier this year, Ian described himself as the publisher among the sons and Kevin as the bids and deals member of the offspring.

Hersh libel actions go on

THE LAW

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

AS the dead cannot be libelled, all defamation actions lodged by Robert Maxwell in his name would fall with his death.

However, many of the actions, such as some of those lodged over the affair surrounding the book by Seymour Hersh, alleging the involvement of journalist Nick Davies, *the Daily Mirror's* former foreign editor, with Israeli intelligence, were also in the name of Mirror Group Newspapers and will therefore continue.

Richard Stott, editor of the *Mirror*, said yesterday that he had spoken to Mr Maxwell on Monday night. Mr Maxwell was not depressed but "very angry" about the allegations in the Hersh book.

Mr Maxwell, who could claim to be the most litigious newspaper proprietor in the history of the industry, had lodged writes against Faber and Faber, the publishers of Mr Hersh's book; the author himself, and Rupert Allison MP, for repeating the allegations.

Mirror Group Newspapers were joint parties to the actions against the author and the publisher.

Most newspapers, publishers and broadcasting media have received writs or solicitors' letters from Mr Maxwell himself, Maxwell Communications Corporation or Mirror Group Newspapers.

Apart from the libel actions arising from Mr Hersh's book *The Samson Option*, writs were issued for libel and malicious falsehood over a BBC Panorama programme in September which examined the Maxwell business empire. It seems likely these will continue.

Last year the Lord Chancellor issued a consultation paper canvassing a possible change in the law on the death of a party to defamation proceedings. One proposal was that the action should survive, notwithstanding the death of one of the parties; or, that although the action should survive, the damages obtainable should be restricted in cases where the victim has died before the award. But no change was made.

In this month's Vanity Fair, the rising stars of the West,

Hotter than ever, the long-running Bette Midler has risen to become a Hollywood superstar. This month she talks about her life and her new film, "For the Boys," in which she stars with James Caan.

Norman Schwarzkopf masterminded Operation Desert Storm, John Major masterminded the safe enclaves for the Kurds, and Red Adair is masterminding the battle against Kuwait's oil fires. They're a few of the stars in Vanity Fair's 1991 Hall of Fame, "The War Heads."

and the fallen stars of the East.

Chairman Mao's widow was once the star of the Communist elite. In May this year she committed suicide after spending 15 years in China's Bastille for her role in the notorious Gang of Four. The authorities tried to silence her, but she had already told her story to one Westerner. Now Roxanne Witke tells the true story of Madame Mao in Vanity Fair.

Once the star of the Kremlin, Gorbachev rejected the warnings of his closest friends, ignored Boris Yeltsin, and embraced the hypocritical sycophants that led the coup against him. Gail Sheehy returned to Moscow for Vanity Fair to talk to those he refused to listen to.

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Shock and disbelief at Mirror

By Tim Jones

THE press last night displayed in equal measure its cruelty and compassion as journalists on the *Daily Mirror* realised that the man they loathed or loved was probably dead. While Richard Stott, editor of the *Mirror*, said that he was stunned and shocked, some of his staff were less kind. Opposite the *Mirror* building in London, the White Hart public house, known in the trade as the "stab in the back", lived up to its nickname, with some journalists showing little understanding of an event that could change their lives.

It seemed, however, that most of the *Mirror* staff were

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dismayed at the thought that "Captain Bob" would no longer be in their midst to inspire them with his enthusiasm. Anne Robinson, a *Mirror* journalist who perhaps achieved the distinction of being better known than her boss, said: "He just enriched my life. He was my inspiration and my hero. Please do not misunderstand me, but Mr Maxwell loved the company of women and I owe to him very much."

Journalists on the paper heard the news when they gathered on the third floor of the *Mirror* building in Holborn Circus to discuss business concerning the National Union of Journalists. Instead, Mr Stott told them that Mr Maxwell had been lost at sea. Executives tried to put their emotions aside as they laid plans for a special edition of the newspaper.

Within half an hour of the news being released, the building was besieged by journalists from other organisations.

Charles Wilson, the company's editorial director, said: "He was an enormously charismatic figure. He saved the *Daily Mirror* from extinction and was in every way a quite extraordinary man."

Major praises 'great character'

REACTION

JOHN Major last night paid tribute to Robert Maxwell describing him as "a great character". The prime minister disclosed that Mr Maxwell had given him "valuable insights" into the situation in the Soviet Union during the attempted coup.

Mr Major said: "Bob Maxwell will be missed. A holder of the Military Cross and former MP, he built up a publishing empire and achieved his great ambition to own a national newspaper in 1984 with the *Daily Mirror.*

"No one should doubt his interest in peace and his loyalty to friends. During the attempted Soviet coup this August, he was able to give me valuable insights into the situation in the Soviet Union because of his many contacts.

"In the world of football, too, he left his mark with a number of clubs, perhaps notably Derby County and Oxford United. Our immediate thoughts and prayers must be now for Bob Maxwell's family.

"For the man himself, I am sure he would not want us to grieve at his loss but marvel at a quite extraordinary life, lived to the full."

Douglas Hurd, Foreign Secretary, said: "Robert Maxwell's tragic disappearance robs Britain of one of our most colourful and energetic figures. He had a tremendous appetite for foreign affairs as well as a real flair for business.

"He launched many humanitarian initiatives and was a vigorous campaigner for a united Europe which would heal the wounds left by World War Two.

"Above all he was a man of action. He wanted to get things done. He was truly larger than life."

Neil Kinnock said he was "greatly saddened" and spoke of the media tycoon — who was Labour MP for Buckingham from 1964-70 — as a man with "such a zest for life". Saying his thoughts went out to Mr Maxwell's wife Betty and the family, Mr Kinnock went on: "Bob Maxwell was a unique figure who attracted controversy, envy and loyalty in great measure throughout his rumbustious life.

"He was a steadfast supporter of the Labour party and a man with genuine commitment to the advancement of the British people.

"I valued his personal friendship and the fact that, even when our judgment diverged, he was always willing to sustain his enthusiasm for the success of the Labour cause.

Peter Jay, BBC TV News economics editor, was Mr Maxwell's personal assistant for three and a half years, constantly at his side and acting as his spokesman. Mr Jay said: "I think he had more courage physically and moral courage than anyone I have ever met."

Anthony Beaumont-Dark, Conservative MP for Selly Oak, said: "If you wrote a film about his life it would be rejected as unrealistic."

Paddy Ashdown, theLiberal Democrats leader, said Mr Maxwell's rumbustiousness was "a unique part of our national scene."

Football aim unfulfilled

By Our Sports Staff

SPORT

ROBERT Maxwell enjoyed a sporting challenge. While he might have had his way in other areas of life, however, his dealings involving football clubs were controversial and his ambition to take over one of the big league clubs unfulfilled.

Mr Maxwell was also involved in underwriting the cost of staging the 1986 Commonwealth Games in Edinburgh, stepping in at the last minute as the organising committee was on the point of going bust.

Mr Maxwell's footballing connections began in 1981, when he invested £128,000 in Oxford United, a club in imminent danger of closure. He became chairman, but fell out with the supporters when he announced plans to merge Oxford with Reading and create a new club, Thames Valley Royals. He had to admit defeat when an opponent won control of Reading.

In 1984, Mr Maxwell attempted to buy a controlling interest in Manchester United, but baulked at the £15 million asking price. One month later he paid £300,000 for debt-ridden Derby County. He installed his son, Ian, as chairman at Derby while staying on at Oxford as the club won promotion from the second division and won the Milk Cup in 1986.

In 1987, he took over as chairman at Derby after the club won promotion to the first division, and then announced a £2 million bid to buy Watford.

The Football League, however, refused to accept his plans. At the start of last season, Mr Maxwell said that he was prepared to shed all his football interests but became embroiled in the Tottenham Hotspur saga, lending Irving Scholar, chairman of Tottenham, £1.1 million and agreeing in principle to become "patron" of the club and a major shareholder in return for a further £12 million cash injection.

The league rejected that package and Mr Maxwell's seven-year association with Derby ended in June when he sold out to a local consortium. His other son, Kevin, is still in charge at Oxford with daughter, Ghislaine, also on the board of directors.

Maxwell: he enjoyed a sporting challenge

Luxurious, hi-tech HQ that was a home from home

By Robert Ballantyne
Deputy Business Editor

THE YACHT

ON BOARD the Lady *Ghislaine*, Robert Maxwell really was the captain. The 55-metre Jon Bannenberg yacht, named after his daughter, may be the ultimate executive holiday home or a business expense for entertaining, or even be available for chartering when not needed by its owner — at over $165,000 (£100,000) a week.

But Mr Maxwell's yacht is truly a floating headquarters, equipped with twin satellite communications systems (so that he could speak to the *Daily Mirror* newsroom while pages are being faxed out before publication). So he boasted to journalists who were flown out by private jet to Corsica in August 1988.

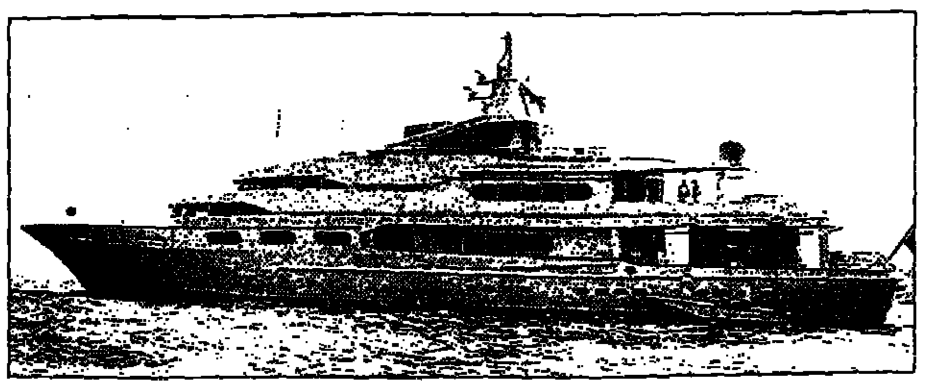
Maxwell, on holiday, had sought a press conference to explain his reasons for bidding $2.6 billion for US publishing house Macmillan Inc, which he eventually won. He was not inclined to return to London, so the press must go to him. A private Maxwell jet, one of a number run by Maxwell, flew half a dozen of us out for lunch and a few words from the chairman.

As we flew low over Bastia, the Lady Ghislaine was clearly visible just offshore, a sleek aristocrat amid the plebeian ferries and container ships entering the port. Speedboats came in to meet us, shoes had to be removed and a drink came speedily to hand courtesy of one of the thirteen young men, who made up the crew.

Lady Ghislaine, completed in 1987, has four decks connected by not quite an atrium but certainly a glass-enclosed staircase. The lower two decks, presumably crew and guest quarters, were strictly out of bounds to journalists, who were each allocated a crew member to prevent inquisitive wanderings.

The main stateroom, dominated by a 180 degree curved window above a full width silver sofa, was as heavily air-conditioned as the best American hotel. Slightly spoiling the plush effect, a stocking-soled and tee-shirted Robert Maxwell held a short, relaxed discussion of his latest takeover target. All he really wanted to talk about, however, was the yacht, which he described in minute detail: the faxes, the telephones, the satellite domes, the top speed of the twin diesels which far outstripped the sightseeing boats of Bastia. A quick glimpse of the top sun-deck revealed a jacuzzi and, with a panoramic view, a mini-gymnasium — in unused condition, it was noted.

Out in the heat on an aft deck, which has since held parties for hundreds, from the Cannes film festival to New York harbour when he took over *The New York Daily News*, Robert Maxwell looked comfortable, at ease. For a man doing business on three continents, the ocean-going ultra-luxurious Lady Ghislaine was home.



Captain's quarters: the Lady Ghislaine, a sleek aristocrat amid the plebeian ferries

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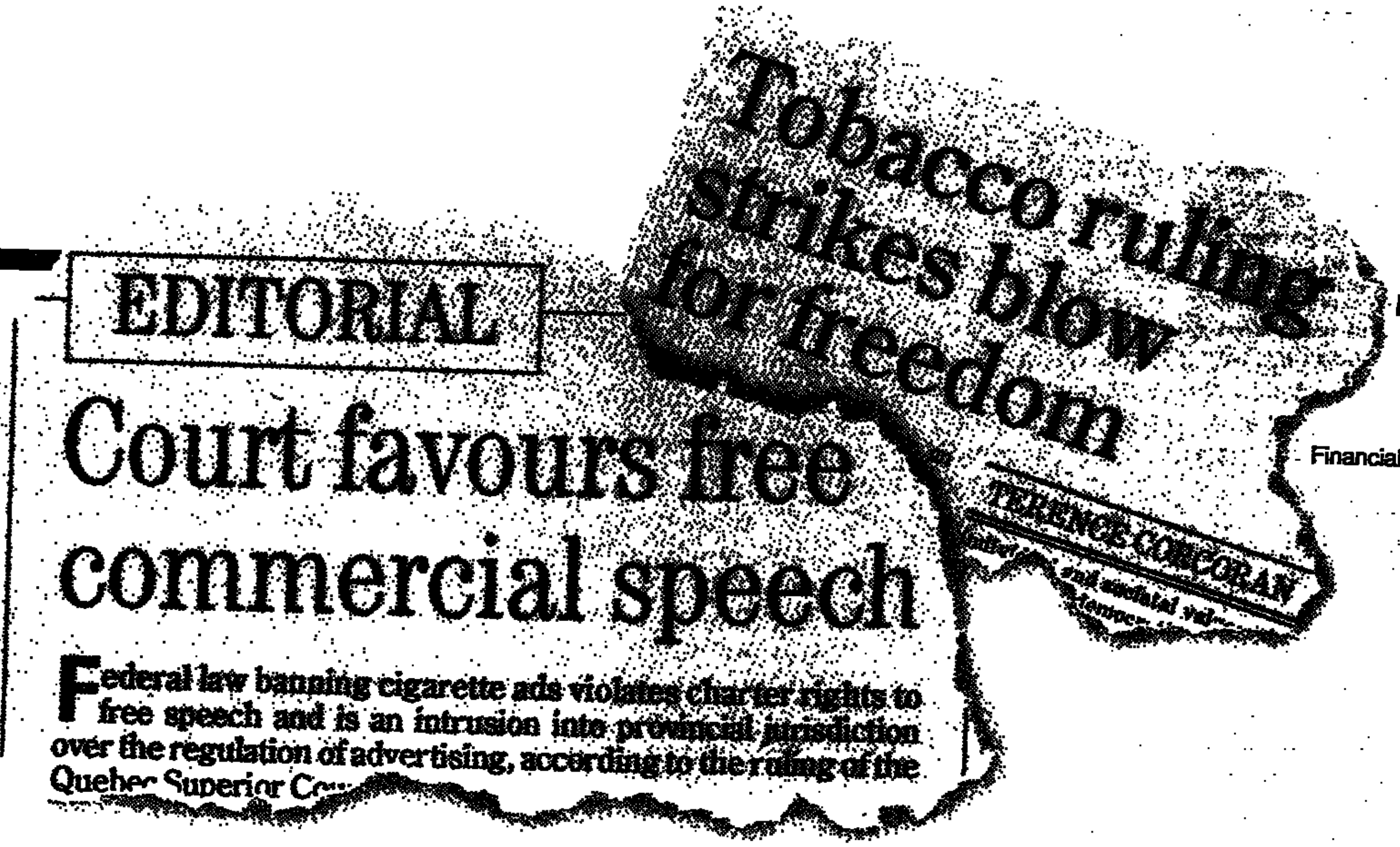

EDITORIAL

Court favours free commercial speech

Federal law banning cigarette ads violates charter rights to free speech and is an intrusion into provincial jurisdiction over the regulation of advertising, according to the ruling of the Quebec Superior Co

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It's not fair or democratic.

But that seems to be Brussels' view when it comes to tobacco advertising.

In a recent court decision in Canada, the judge ruled that tobacco advertising had no proven effect on overall consumption. And that banning advertising did not reduce consumption.

He also struck down Canada's ban on tobacco advertising as "a form of censorship and social engineering which is incompatible with the very essence of a free and democratic society."

Nevertheless, in the face of the evidence Brussels continues to try to ban tobacco advertising in Europe.

The will is clear. But where is the reasoned judgement?

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Tory Euro-enthusiasts preparing to strike against EC critic

Whitney: may challenge Euro-sceptic in Tory poll

Conservative Euro-enthusiasts are joining the battle for John Major's ear, making a backbench chairmanship contested territory, **Robin Oakley** and **Nicholas Wood** report

TIRED of seeing the field left to high-profile Euro-sceptics such as Norman Tebbit, whom they and Douglas Hurd regard as a vociferous minority, those who consider themselves the Tory party's "moderate majority" have begun demanding that the party leadership heeds their voice on Europe.

The visit to John Major on Monday night by Tory MPs to plead with him to spell out the benefits of a successful deal on European union, as well as the snags, was only the start of a new campaign.

Ministers' tough talking on European union in the Maastricht run-up has provoked a backlash from Conservative Euro-enthusiast. They fear that the prime minister is bending too far to placate Mr Tebbit and the shrouded threat of Margaret Thatcher. One said yesterday: "Douglas would never have dreamed of using the language he is using now only six weeks ago." Some are telling whips Mr Major should face up to anti-Brussels hard-liners, however eminent.

As the manoeuvring intensifies, those in favour of a Maastricht deal are planning to unseat Bill Cash, the high-profile chairman of the Tory backbenchers' European affairs committee, who is a relentless critic of proposals for monetary and political union.

The eleven who went to see Mr Major, urging him to give a positive lead on Europe in the two-day Commons debate on November 20 and 21, were Sir Richard Luce, Tony Nelson, Sir Peter Hordern, Edwina Currie, Alistair Burt, Ian Taylor, Nigel Forman, Tim Devlin, David Harris, Tim Smith and Ray Whitney. They argued that the European issue was being polarised between party extremes and pledged their support for Mr Major's efforts to secure a deal at Maastricht.

Another dozen of the fifty or so now grouped in a loose association will see Mr Hurd next week, and, on November 18, many of them will aid the launch of a parliamentary wing of the Conservative Group for Europe. However, the Tory divisions are likely to be exposed before then in the battle to unseat Mr Cash.

Committee chairmen normally have access to ministers, but little real clout. These, however, are not normal times as the Tory leadership seeks a deal in Maastricht that will preserve the party unity without which its electoral prospects would be at risk.

The assiduous Mr Cash has announced his intention to go to Maastricht in December in readiness to pronounce to the assembled media, not a prospect relished by ministers. Only yesterday, one Foreign Office insider was reflecting gloomily on the likely spectacle of a Euro-sceptic, surrounded by microphones and cameras, picking holes in the treaties.

The committee chairmanship is not in the party leader's gift, but subject to election by Tory MPs. The cabinet can only look on nervously as the warring backbench factions make their dispositions, hoping that the whips can surreptiously mobilise support around a less controversial figure. Interference could be fatal.

The gossip at Westminster is of the Euro-enthusiast wing making common cause with the centre-right and putting forward a heavyweight figure who can be relied upon to toe the government line. Sir Norman Fowler, the former cabinet minister, and Michael Jopling, a former chief whip, are among names floated and later discounted. Ray Whitney, a former junior Foreign Office minister, who was soundly beaten for the post last year, remains a possible contender. Others are being sounded out.

The case against Mr Cash is that by close association with the fiercely anti-federalist Bruges Group and by an ill-judged attempt to pass off his views as those of the prime minister in a Commons motion in the summer, he has lost the confidence of backbench colleagues. Mr Cash, however, insists that he went to great pains to clear his motion, opposing a single currency and signed by more than 100 MPs. He points out that he is chairman of Friends of Bruges and not the group proper and has condemned its excesses, which include blaming Mr Major for the plight of the Kurds and accusing him of being frightened to use the veto at Maastricht.

"My position has always been in line with government policy, which is that we do not want to have a single currency, central bank, a common defence policy and co-decision in the European parliament," Mr Cash said.

Of course, the issue is more complex than that. Mr Major is against imposition of a single currency and is prepared to sign a treaty committing Britain to the objective while leaving open the question of whether and when it climbs aboard.

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Municipal review

Humberside will be the first target

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

HUMBERSIDE, Britain's least-loved county, will be the first target of the biggest review of local government in England for two decades.

Michael Portillo, the local government minister, said work on redrawing the municipal map would start in Humberside next year with the first of the new unitary authorities emerging in April 1994.

Mr Portillo, launching a local government bill to create a local government commission to oversee the process, said that aim was to make councils more accountable and accessible to the people they served.

The present two-tier structure of county and district councils outside London and the metropolitan areas was confusing and ripe for reform, he said. Although ministers wanted to see a single tier of all-purpose councils there would be no attempt to impose a uniform pattern on the whole country.

Humberside would be "first into the melting pot" because the existing Local Government Boundary Commission, which will be replaced by the new body, had already recommended its partial abolition. Mr Portillo said that the government did not expect all county councils to be abolished. Two-tier local government would remain in some areas where local people wanted them to stay.

Mr Portillo ruled out the use of local referenda to decide the structure of local government but said the government did favour the use of "more sophisticated" measures such as opinion polling.

The bill also includes powers for the Audit Commission to publish league tables of local authority performance as part of the government's Citizen's Charter. The measure will apply to all local authorities in England and Wales, including parish and town councils and it will also require them to publish auditor's reports.

In addition, there are powers for ministers to extend the range of local authority services that must be opened up to competition by private contractors although the bill does not go as far as expected. It stops short of requiring all white collar tasks, including legal, financial, personnel and computing departments to be subjected to competitive tendering.

Robert Key, the junior environment minister, said the government had decided this could be done effectively only if an internal market for services was created in local government in a similar way to the health service. Although tendering would be extended to a range of services previously untouched, including fire engine repairs, libraries and school transport, legislation on white collar services would not be likely before 1994.

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, said that Labour would oppose the measure. "We had hoped until the publication of this bill that the question of the future structure of local government could be proceded with on the basis of some sort of all-party consensus."

He said that Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, should not have the power to abolish what he saw as wicked Labour counties and keep Conservative councils. This would amount to "gerrymandering on a very unacceptable basis", Mr Gould said.

Realigning more than loyalties

By DOUGLAS BROOM
LOCAL GOVERNMENT
CORRESPONDENT

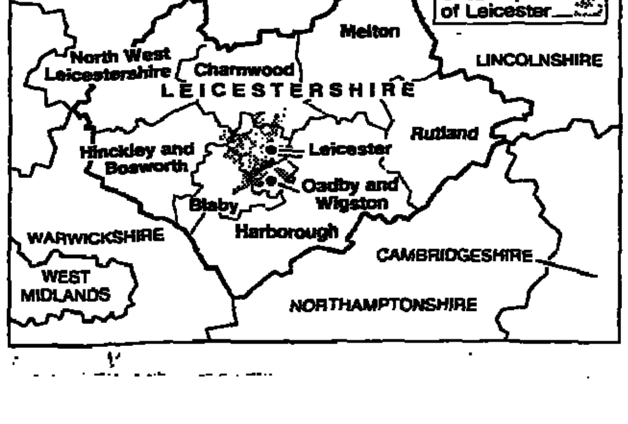
IT WILL take more than appeals to traditional loyalties to sort out the future of Leicestershire under the government's plans for the biggest local government reorganisation for 20 years.

At first glance the county, which swallowed up Rutland in the 1974 restructuring, might look like the ideal candidate for a straightforward split along traditional lines. Restoring Rutland's county status would undoubtedly prove popular but it would not solve the structural problems if the county council was abolished.

Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, has long made it clear that he favours the restoration of something like county borough status to cities like Leicester, yet the city's leaders argue that it would make little sense to create a unitary status within the city council's existing boundaries.

Greater Leicester spills into most of the county's district boroughs. Re-drawing the city boundary to take in all the conurbation would deprive the district boroughs of Oadby and Wigston, and possibly Blaby, of their raison d'être. That would lead to another large-scale redrawing of boundaries within the county and reopen old wounds.

Publicly, the district councils insist that they are all ready to take over their areas as unitary authorities, providing all services from education to street cleaning. Privately, many admit that, despite tensions between the two tiers, the existing structure works well enough and are unhappy that ministers have gone ahead without examining the need for change.



TONY WHITE

Women of the hour: Clare Selerie-Grey, left, and Sally Feldman, who share the editor's job since Ms Selerie-Grey's return from maternity leave

Men open their hearts to Woman's Hour

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

MORE men than ever are listening to *Woman's Hour* since Radio 4 moved the 45-year-old programme from 2pm to 10.30am in September.

Woman's Hour, which has always aspired to be the voice of British women, has increased the proportion of its male listeners by 6 per cent to 36 per cent, and men are baring their souls and innermost feelings to Jenni Murray, the show's presenter, more often. "I am amazed how frankly they talk about personal problems and emotions," said Sally Feldman, joint editor of the programme with Clare Selerie-Grey. "They open up on air to a woman in a way they never would if they were being interviewed by another man."

However, Ms Feldman insisted that the programme has not been changed to accommodate men because of its new morning slot. "Men like the female perspective," she said. "Men, particularly younger men, are becoming more interested in the woman's point of view. While it is true we are more conscious about issues important to men, we have not compromised our stance on women. They make up a vast proportion of our listenership and we would not do anything to marginalise them."

Ordinary and extraordinary women could be heard over the years on *Woman's Hour* talking about their personal experiences, fears, delights, hobbies and problems but, with the subject matter expanded to include more men's issues, those tuning in lately might have heard men talking freely about their experiences with testicular cancer, pregnant girlfriends or domestic violence.

"We've had programmes about men with anorexia, and men who annoy their wives with obsessive collecing," Ms Selerie-Grey said. "Our research shows that they can be suffering from an obscure form of mental disorder. Last week we had a programme about crying babies and a desperate father rang in about what he should do."

However, *Woman's Hour*, now a much faster-paced programme, remains committed to its female audience, covering issues which effect women and interviewing women experts. "It is the only place where there is positive discrimination in favour of women," Ms Feldman said. "When we want to do an interview with BT, we ask for a woman representative. They have to send one." Ms Selerie-Grey said: "If a woman became the next governor of the Bank of England, we would interview her, but we would not be as likely to do the story if it was a man."

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Charity bill to cut red tape, says Major

By RUTH GLEDHILL

THE charities bill will give the Charity Commissioners new powers but maintain a balance between high standards and limiting unnecessary bureaucracy, the prime minister said yesterday.

He told the Charities Aid Foundation annual conference in Westminster that the aim of the bill, which will have its second reading in the Lords later this month, was not to tie up charities in red tape but "to open wider the floodgates of giving by ensuring even greater confidence in charities themselves.

"There is a crucial component in promoting charitable giving and so helping the sector to expand still further; charities must be seen to be well managed and well regulated.

"People who do not want to give use it as an excuse not to give. Donors must have confidence that their money will be used wisely and well and with accountability."

The commissioners will have greater powers to obtain information about the management of charities and to act quickly if they detect abuse. The responsibilities of trustees will be clarified and controls over professional fund raisers tightened.

Michael Brophy, executive director of the Charities Aid Foundation, said: "We welcome the beefing up of the Charity Commission." Viscount Whitelaw, chairman of the Council for Charitable Support, said: "I believe it will put charities on a very sound foundation."

Arts at risk, says Everitt

By SIMON TAIT
ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE government arts subsidy must rise at least in step with inflation if a crisis is to be avoided, Anthony Everitt, secretary general of the Arts Council, said yesterday.

Launching the council's annual report, Mr Everitt said: "We have been told to expect 3.5 per cent over last year. We want something very much in excess of that. There are potential dangers and they are very great." Mr Everitt said that the quality of, and access to, the arts was under threat, and theatre buildings and other centres were continuing to deteriorate.

Tim Renton, arts minister, will announce his allocation to the council tomorrow. Last year, it was £194.2 million.

The accounts of the council, ordered to save £600,000 a year on administration, show operating costs up by £700,000 in the past year.

Number of doctors under strain doubles in one year

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

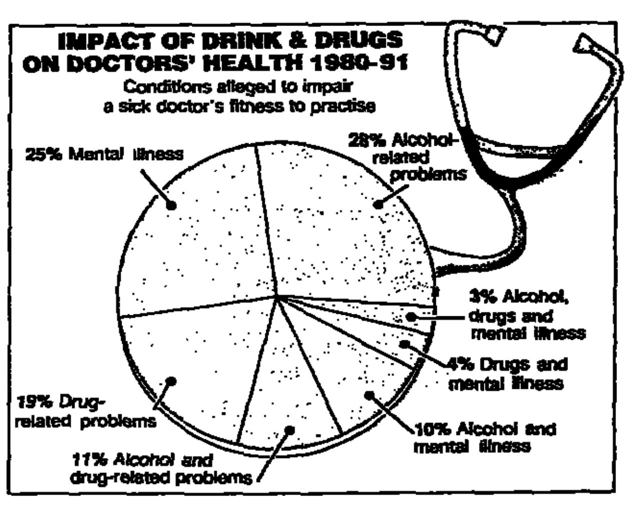
A RECORD number of doctors are being treated for alcoholism, drug abuse and mental illness, according to a report to be given to the General Medical Council today.

In the past 12 months almost twice as many doctors have been referred to the council because of doubts about their fitness to practice as in the previous corresponding period.

The report is the second in four months to show that drink and drug addiction is widespread in the medical profession. Last July, researchers at the Institute of Psychiatry, in London, said that such doctors spend an average of seven years struggling with their conditions before seeking treatment.

The GMC dealt with 85 such cases between October last year and the end of September. Seventy-eight doctors are at present under medical supervision, the most ever, the council confirmed yesterday.

"We do not know whether the numbers represent any real increase in sickness, or merely greater willingness to refer to the council," Neil Kessel, who screens such cases, says in his report. Doctors who are reported to the council are discreetly investigated. They may then be asked to undergo a medical examination, to accept supervision by colleagues, and to embark on treatment.



Legionnaires' alert after woman dies

By OUR MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 1,400 general practitioners have been told to watch for symptoms of Legionnaires' disease among their patients after a hospital outbreak of the illness contributed to the death of an elderly woman.

Water supplies at the Regional Cardiothoracic Centre at Broadgreen hospital, Liverpool, have been chlorinated and heated to destroy the bacteria responsible.

Mersey regional health authority denied claims yesterday that it had been slow to respond to the outbreak, and was supported by William Waldegrave, the health secretary. "All the necessary steps were taken and I do not believe there has been any dereliction of duty," he said in the House of Commons in reply to David Alton, Liberal Democrat MP for Liverpool Mossley Hill.

Hugh Lamont, a senior spokesman for the health authority, said: "We have done everything to protect patients. There were no delays."

The woman who died was a 63 year-old patient who had undergone heart surgery at the centre. She showed symptoms of Legionnaire's disease, a form of pneumonia, at the end of September, and although treated with antibiotics, she died on October 2. Her death was recorded as due to heart disease.

Sunday schools lose out to Sindy dolls

By RUTH GLEDHILL
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THE death of the national custom of Sunday school attendance has led to a decline in Christianity as England's "folk religion". Children are instead adopting a vaguer mixture of Christianity, astrology, occultism and fate, according to a church report published today.

The report warns that children live in a "prematurely adult and somewhat lonely world that accustoms them to materialism, hedonism, selfishness, sexual amorality, the unseriousness and even normality of violence, the possibility of spiritual power through an openness to the occult". The report, *All God's Children*, calls on churches to invest new resources urgently in the evangelising of children. It suggests a connection between the death of Sunday school attendance and the break-up of a moral consensus. About 15 per cent of all children under 13 are involved in church activities, compared with more than two thirds 50 years ago.

The report condemns a "commercial assault" on children, with collectable character dolls such as Barbie, Sindy, My Little Pony and Robocop. "Barbie and Sindy dolls are not the dolls of 30 years ago," the report says. "They have contemporary hair styles, wasp-like waists and long, shapely legs. They are every little girl's fantasy of what she would like to be. They are about lifestyle." With the lifestyle comes things to be sought after: fine clothes, slim figure, a horse, holidays in Spain and exotic night clubs.

The report, by an ecumenical working party set up by Church of England board of mission and education, will be debated at the general synod meeting next week. It says: "To have qualms about evangelising children because of a worthy fear of pressurising the immature means that they are left to wallow in a world of false values and gospels. Others have few such qualms."

All God's Children, the National Society and Church House Publishing, booksellers or Church House Bookshop, 31 Gt Smith St, London SW1P 3BN, £5.95 plus 80pp.

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Whitbread book contest distils heady brew of five finalists

Hot on the heels of the Booker Prize contest comes another literary lottery. **Philip Howard** numbers off the entry tickets that will bring one lucky author a £20,500 reward

TAKE a bunch of wild Irish poems, an epistolary women's novel, a way-out first novel, the first of an art biography's four volumes and a jokey children's tale about a mysterious electrician called Harvey Angell, and we know that the time has come for the Whitbread Book of the Year.

The winners of the five categories were announced yesterday in the Sugar Room at the (original Whitbread) Brewery, beside the Barbican in the City of London. Each receives £2,000 and the chance to win the Whitbread Book of the Year award, worth another £20,500, in January.

The novel category was won by Jane Gardam for *The Queen of the Tambourine* (Sinclair-Stevenson, £13.95), a funny and sad story told in letters of a middle-aged, middle-class woman going quietly potty in the posher end of Putney. Jane Gardam has already won a Whitbread award and has been on the shortlist for the Booker.

The first-novel category was won by Gordon Burn for *Alma Cogan* (Secker & Warburg, £13.99). This extraordinary and controversial work takes the life of Britain's biggest selling vocalist of the Fifties and turns it into an exercise in murder, celebrity and autobiographical fantasy. Gordon Burn was born in Newcastle upon Tyne in 1948 and lives in London. He has written two previous books of non-fiction, the story of the Yorkshire Ripper and a book about boom-time snooker.

Poetry went to Michael Longley for *Gorse Fires* (Secker & Warburg, £6), the definitive collection of 20 years' work by one of Ulster's leading poets. His preoccupations as a poet — love, death, nature, art, history — have inevitably been intensified by the tragedy of Ulster. Michael Longley was born in Belfast in 1939 and read classics at Trinity College, Dublin. He spent several years teaching in Dublin, London and Belfast and has been the combined arts director of the Arts Council of Northern Ireland.

The biography-autobiography category went to John Richardson for *A Life of Picasso* (Jonathan Cape, £25), the first of a four-volume biography. John Richardson was born in 1924. For more than a decade he lived near Picasso and they became close friends. Richardson draws on that rare friendship with the elusive artist, his own diaries, the collaboration of Picasso's widow Jacqueline and unprecedented access to his studio and papers. This important work sheds light on Picasso's innovations, obsessions and influences.

Contenders: Jane Gardam, novel category, Gordon Burn, first novel, Michael Longley, poetry, John Richardson, biography, and Diana Hendry, children

The children's novel award was won by Diana Hendry for *Harvey Angell* (Julia MacCrae, £7.99). Angell breaks all Aunt Agatha's rules — he is cheerful, talkative, plays the flute and makes Henry's Aunt Agatha laugh. But there is something odd about him. Clever young detective work solves the mystery.

Diana Hendry started work as a journalist. She lives in Bristol and combines teaching with writing books for all ages and poetry.

Judging between such diverse categories is like picking the best in a dog show between a beagle, a Jack Russell, a rottweiler, a spaniel and a beautiful tabby cat. It is a weird and wonderful literary lottery.

For the final on January 21 one judge from each of the three-person category panels goes forward to the final judicial team, where they are joined by six celebrities from the worlds of show business, politics and the other telly-friendly trades. Nicholas Mosley, who won last year's Whitbread with his novel *Hopeful Monsters*, and resigned from this year's Booker judges because he did not like the shortlist, is one of the celebrity judges this year.

American collector sues dealer for £340,000 over 1913 car found to have a 'dubious past'

Rolls-Royce was doctored buyer alleges

By Michael Horsnell

AN AMERICAN collector of veteran cars paid more than £50,000 for a 1913 Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost from Coys of Kensington in 1983, only to discover six years later that the specialist London dealer had sold him a doctored 1922 model, the High Court was told yesterday.

The other thing that the American did not know when he bought the car was that it had already been the subject of litigation over its authenticity. Coys had sold it to a Surrey businessman as a 1913 model in 1981, it was alleged, but the following year had agreed to take it back when faced with a writ to set aside the sale agreement and claim damages for misrepresentation.

The new claim over the racing green Silver Ghost, registration number EL1743, was outlined to Mr Justice Macpherson by John Silberman, a collector from Tampa, Florida, who seeks damages for fraudulent misrepresentation or for breach of contract.

Mr Silberman, aged 46, is claiming the estimated £340,000 difference in today's value of the two models. He said: "Nothing was ever said to me by Coys to suggest it was not a 1913 car or that there had been a previous history of litigation and their taking it back. If anything like that had been said to me, I would absolutely not have purchased the vehicle."

Mr Silberman said that he bought the car, chassis number 2513, to take part in the American Transcontinental Reliability Tour, which was open only to vehicles made before 1915, and did so without realising it was bogus. He had travelled to London to test drive the vehicle.

The chassis number had corresponded with 1913 manufacture, and Jeffrey Pattinson, now chairman of Coys, with whom he concluded the purchase, had shown him Rolls-Royce documentation that had appeared to prove authenticity.

In his statement of claim, Mr Silberman said that representations about provenance made by Mr Pattinson were repeated in Coys' sale invoice, which described the car as a 1913 Silver Ghost.

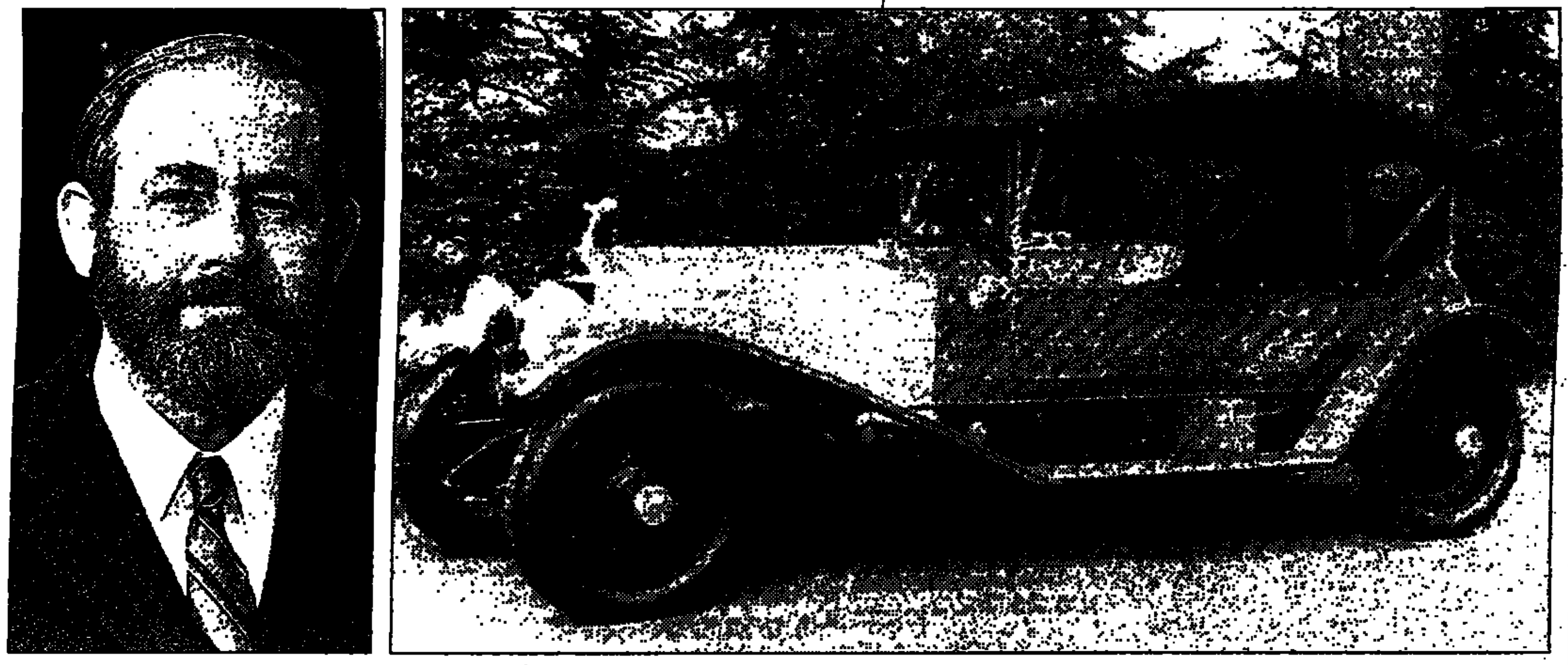
Mr Silberman claims that when the car was sold by the company, to John Lawson, a businessman from Surrey, for £55,000 in 1981 it was also represented as a being from before the first world war. However, in June 1982, Mr Lawson had told Coys that the car had the wrong chassis number and that the only significant pre-war parts were the carburettor, the coil, the air pump, the air regulator, the hand pump, and the fuel and oil gauge, and under threat of legal action, the dealer had accepted the car back.

Mr Silberman said that he had not known of the litigation and that he only discovered that the car might be bogus when he tried to sell it in 1989 to raise money when he was divorced. The collector William Wood, of Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, had agreed to buy the car, but had then said that he was withdrawing after the Rolls-Royce expert Jonathan Harley had advised him that the car was not what it appeared to be.

In May 1989, Mr Harley allegedly described the car as a 1922 model "doctored to look like a 1913".

The car, still in Mr Silberman's possession, is allegedly a 1922 P series Silver Ghost with the chassis number 35 RG, and not 2513, a pre-war number that had been stamped on the chassis. The value of a 1922 model today is £80,000, whereas a genuine 1913 model is now worth about £420,000, he says.

The case continues today.



John Silberman yesterday outside the High Court, where he is seeking damages over the Rolls-Royce, right, that he claims bore a false date

Timeshare company fined

The owner of a timeshare company was fined £1,100 yesterday and his firm £1,750 for supplying dangerous dinghies as prizes to attract customers.

Matthew Brooks, aged 30, of Budleigh Salterton, Devon, admitted eight offences under the Trades Description Act. His company New Horizons, of Exmouth, admitted 12 similar charges and two of supplying dangerous goods.

The company described the inflatable boats which it imported from America as perfect for fishing and cruising but they failed every British safety standard, Exmouth magistrates were told.

The company also offered 18th-century oak reproduction grandfather clocks which were in fact made of chipboard. Bernard Leisk, prosecuting for Devon County Council's trading standards department, said they received hundred of complaints from people who went to timeshare presentations.

Anthony Williams, for the defence, said: "Mr Brooks was not making the boats. His company merely imported and sold them."

Harm to water pollution victims is discounted

By Paul Wilkinson

VICTIMS of Britain's worst domestic water pollution incident, at Camelford, Cornwall, three years ago, will not suffer long-term effects, a second enquiry into the affair concluded yesterday. However, it suggested formal testing to confirm that view and to allay public concern.

The report, by Professor Dame Barbara Clayton for the Department of Health, was immediately attacked by local residents. Hundreds of them claim their health and memory have suffered after 20 tonnes of concentrated aluminium sulphate, used to clarify drinking water, were wrongly discharged by a tanker driver into domestic supplies in July 1988.

Elizabeth Sigmund, co-ordinator of the South West Environmental Protection Agency, accused the health department of trying to "rubbish" the views of independent medical experts. She said Professor Donald McLachlan, a leading authority on aluminium toxicity, wrote recently to Camelford doctors saying that the official committee of inquiry "seems to be singularly ill-informed about the neurotoxicity of aluminium".

Dame Barbara, professor of metabolism at Southampton University, says in her report: "The research reported to us does not provide convincing evidence that harmful accumulation of aluminium has occurred, nor that there is a greater prevalence of ill health due to the toxic effects of the water in the exposed population". The report says that muscle pains, fatigue and memory loss are common in all populations and that evidence suggests that Camelford was not exceptional.

"In our judgment, it is likely that these symptoms would have occurred in the normal course of events," it says. "We believe they have been wrongly attributed to the incident as a result of the heightened awareness provoked by the incident and subsequent events."

However, it said the precise doses of aluminium received by residents were not known. "Therefore, although we have no reason to predict any late consequences, we cannot exclude them categorically. We recommend formal testing of the suggestion that some people might now show sensitivity to aluminium, including enhanced absorption.

"Continued surveillance of the health of this community is warranted, both because the incident was unique and because of continuing concern and worry in the community."

Professor Clayton suggests that contamination of samples was the most likely explanation for reports of raised aluminium concentrations in some specimens collected after the incident. The inquiry committee also hints that people reporting fresh or continuing symptoms could be suffering trauma, brought on by the original incident.

Mrs Sigmund said that Professor Clayton's committee had done no clinical research. "They have not even spoken to the patients, yet they have criticised the doctors who have done tests of all sorts," she said.

The second enquiry was ordered by the government a year ago after pressure from locals who refused to accept the similar findings of an earlier report by Professor Clayton, but the re-appointment of the professor and the same three colleagues brought claims of a whitewash.

☐ Many people living in the Camelford area dismissed the latest report yesterday. Doreen Skudder, aged 62, who, like her husband Ivan, aged 65, suffered from eczema after the incident, said: "They spent half a day in the town before their first report, but the nearest they got this time was Plymouth, which is not even in Cornwall."

Joan Cork, of the North Cornwall Residents' Association, said: "We just know there have been long-term effects. I think it is insulting to those people who have been gravely affected to tell them they are not affected."

Richard Newman, a local GP, who carried out tests on many people, said: "The remit of the committee was to take available information. My feeling is that, if they had been allowed to fully assess the community, they might have come to a different conclusion."

Triumph for Short and Kasparov

By Raymond Keene, chess correspondent

THE strongest chess tournament in history, at Tilburg in The Netherlands, has ended in triumph for Gary Kasparov, the world champion, and Nigel Short, Britain's highest rated grandmaster.

Kasparov heralded a dramatic return to form by winning the tournament, officially rated at an average of International Chess Federation points at 2666, the highest in chess history, with 10 points out of a possible 14. Short came second, with 8½ points, ahead of a host of grandmasters, including Anatoly Karpov, the former world campion.

Kasparov sealed his victory in the final round by winning a brilliant and original game against Karpov, while Short secured the undivided second prize by defeating Gata Kamsky, the reigning American champion, in a marathon battle of 63 moves.

Final scores were (all points out of 14 possible): Kasparov (USSR) 10pts; Short (UK) 8½pts; Viswanathan Anand (India) 8pts; Karpov (USSR) 7½pts; Kamsky (USA) 7pts; Jan Timman (Holland) 6½pts; Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland) 5½pts; and, last, Eugene Bareev (USSR) 3pts.

Anand distinguished himself by winning games against both Karpov and Kasparov. This is only the second occasion on which those two have lost to the same player in the same tournament.

Short will take tremendous encouragement from his result, since he lost only one game and finished ahead of Karpov, who will be his opponent in the world championship semi-final in Spain next April.

Warriors' day: the British Gulf war commanders, from left, Brigadier Christopher Hammerbeck (CB), General Sir Peter de la Billière (KBE), and Brigadier Patrick Cordingley (DSO) with their insignia after being invested by the Queen yesterday

Seamen rescued as ship blazes

Eighteen crew members were airlifted to safety yesterday from a burning cargo ship in the North Sea. Six crew were reported to have stayed aboard to help a fire-fighting team who boarded the Philippines-registered SK Link I from the fisheries protection vessel HMS Orkney.

The fire was thought to have begun in the engine room of the 5,000-ton roll-on, roll-off vessel carrying forestry products. There were no reports of injuries.

Two helicopters, two lifeboats and a number of merchant vessels were involved in the rescue operation about three miles off the North Yorkshire coast. Tugs were towing the stricken vessel towards the Tees estuary.

MP criticises boys' sentence

Robert Key (above), the Conservative MP for Salisbury, has asked the Attorney-general, Sir Patrick Mayhew, to review the sentences on two schoolboy killers, which, Mr Key says, are too lenient.

Mark Willcocks and Daniel Priestley, both aged 16, were sentenced to 12 months youth custody at Winchester crown court last month for the manslaughter of Jonathan Sims, 16, beaten to death after a feud.

Prince's post

The Prince of Wales is to be president of the Royal Shakespeare Company, becoming legal and consitutional head of the company of which the Queen is patron. He succeeds Sir Kenneth Cork, who died last month. The board of governors also announced that closure of the Barbican theatre, London, last winter kept the company's deficit to just over £3 million.

Pollution fine

A quarry firm, a subsidiary of British Rail, was fined £13,000 and ordered to pay £9,137 costs by Okehampton magistrates, Devon, for allowing 250,000 gallons of lime and toxic waste to seep into the River Okement, killing tens of thousands of salmon and trout. Meldon Quarry Ltd admitted the pollution.

Kidnap appeal

Desmond O'Hare, the Irish terrorist, is to appeal against his 40-year sentence imposed in 1988 for kidnapping a Dublin dentist, John O'Grady. O'Hare, aged 32, one of a gang demanding a £1.5 million ransom, cut off two of Mr O'Grady's fingers. The sentence is believed to be the heaviest imposed by an Irish court.

Mansion fire

Harrington Hall, a grade Ilisted mansion near Spilsby, Lincolnshire, the gardens of which are said to have inspired Tennyson's poem "Maud", and to have been the setting for *Locksley Hall*, was severely damaged by fire.

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Police posed as drug buyers

TWO undercover police officers posed as leather-clad bikers to help to smash an underworld drugs ring, a court was told yesterday.

The officers, known only as Tony and Carol, posed as buyers of the cocaine derivative crack as hidden cameras recorded the deals. Eight men were filmed allegedly taking part in crack deals during the police operation at the estate in north London, Knightsbridge Crown Court was told.

The officers, whose names have not been disclosed for their own safety, bought more than £1,500 worth of crack in "rock" form. They lured the sellers out of the shadows as colleagues watched from a near-by empty council flat, the court was told. Officers later swooped on the Chalk Hill estate, in Wembley, and arrested eight men. Anne Rafferty, QC, for the prosecution, said: "Some police work last year meant that blocks C4 and C5 on the estate were watched carefully. This area was a market place and on sale there was the drug crack, a processed form of the drug cocaine and highly addicitive.

"It was sold in the form of rocks which look like a small crystal and weigh about one tenth of a gram each. The two officers who posed as buyers were living and acting a role. They wore motorcycle kit and posed as a couple.

"Tony lured the dealers from the shadows and into the camera view by saying he wanted to stay on his part in case the bill arrived so he could make a fast getaway. This was his ploy. They cannot be seen and their full names cannot be revealed so that they can continue their work as undercover drug investigators." The operation continued from September 19 to October 11 as officers kept the cameras rolling.

Keith Hinds, aged 21, of Chalk Hill estate, denies supplying crack. Albert McDowell, aged 29, of Kilburn, denies conspiring to supply crack.

Ian Graham, aged 27, of Willesden denies supplying crack and being concerned with supplying crack. Ricardo Benjamin, aged 20, also of the estate, denies offering to supply crack and being concerned with supplying crack.

Four further defendents all from the Chalk Hill estate admitted various drug charges and are awaiting sentence.

The trial continues today.

Woodland owners take on a grey pest

By John Young

THE first national census of squirrels in Britain was launched yesterday by Timber Growers United Kingdom (TGUK), which represents private woodland owners.

The object is to gain detailed information about the incidence of red and grey squirrels. The red have been almost entirely supplanted in many areas by grey squirrels, which were imported from North America towards the end of the last century and destroy thousands of young trees every year by stripping the bark.

Peter Wilson, the organisation's technical director, said yesterday that the grey squirrel, cuddly though it might seem, was the single biggest threat to growing broad-leaved trees in Britain. "Not only that, but it has effectively driven out the native red squirrel from most of the country," he said. "If we don't act now, it may soon be too late to save the red, and the task of establishing new traditional broad-leaved woods will become impossible."

If the new national and community forests were to be properly established, based on broad-leaved woods, then control and awareness of squirrels was vitally important, he said. Grey squirrels had already colonised most of England and were moving into the last strongholds of the red, in northern England, Scotland and in North Wales.

The census will be carried out by Forestry Commission officials on behalf of TGUK. The commission has undertaken a similar survey on its own land, and the combined results will be used to plan an effective control strategy.

The most effective means of control yet found is the rodent poison Warfarin, but its use is banned in Scotland and in other areas where red squirrels are still common. Another method in common use is known as "drey poking", using long poles to shake squirrel nests to the ground during the breeding season. The commission was working on the design of a new feeding hopper, a trap sunk into the ground baited with poisoned grain, Mr Wilson said. It was constructed to exclude birds and small animals, and contained a trapdoor that could be opened only by grey squirrels, which tended to be stronger, more intelligent and more inquisitive than the red variety.

Scientists differ as to why the grey squirrel has been so successful in displacing the red. It does not attack the red squirrel or seek to displace it, and in most woodlands there is enough food to permit coexistence.

However, studies have shown that wherever the grey squirrel, which breeds more prolifically, colonises a woodland, the red squirrel rapidly disappears. By contrast, on the Isle of Wight, where there are no grey squirrels, the red squirrel survives in healthy numbers.

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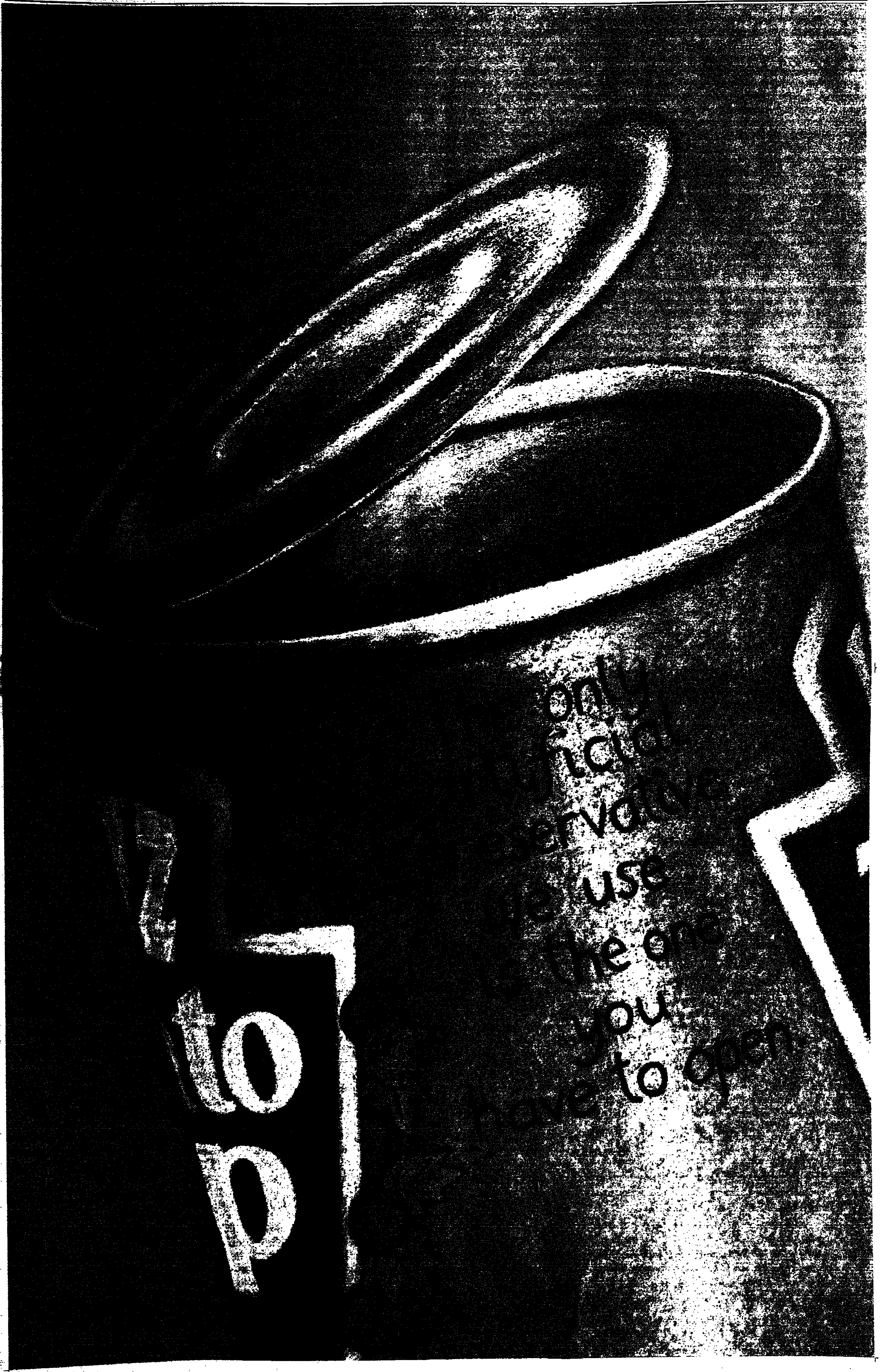
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Without it, the Earth would be much colder than it is.

But human activity is pouring CO_2 and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere at an unprecedented rate. Most scientists agree that, if left unchecked, this will lead to average global temperatures rising faster than at any time over the past ten thousand years.

Scientists are not yet able to say if the Great Storm of 1987 and the 'hurricanes' of 1989 and 1990 are among the first signs of Global Warming. These storms did, however, remind us of our vulnerability to extreme weather conditions.

If left unchecked, Global Warming is likely to change existing weather patterns across the world. Sea levels will rise, posing a serious threat to low-lying areas like Bangladesh and, nearer home, East Anglia. Patterns of agriculture everywhere would have to alter and plants and animals be forced to adapt to new conditions. Those which don't adapt fast enough could face extinction.

The world's governments are taking Global Warming very seriously. The UK Government is taking a leading role in the global agreement on climate change due to be signed during the Earth Summit in Brazil in 1992.

Government studies suggest that if action is not taken now, emissions of CO_2 (the major greenhouse gas) will increase significantly over the next fifteen years. Our first task must be to stop that increase. Britain aims to return its CO_2 emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2005.

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Blunder by Home Office reveals 11% spending rise

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

A RISE of 40 per cent in spending on the immigration service next year to handle the record number of people seeking asylum in Britain was disclosed 24 hours ahead of the autumn statement in a Home Office blunder yesterday.

As a result of an "administrative error", a press release giving details of Kenneth Baker's settlement with the Treasury, amounting to an 11 per cent increase on law and order next year, was issued a day early.

The extra spending, to be outlined today, will be devoted to fulfilling Mr Baker's pledges to recruit an extra 1,000 police officers, tighten jail security, end slopping out in prisons, reinforce the immigration service, and to make extra funds available for victim support and marriage guidance.

Spending on the immigration service is to go up in 1992-3 by £48 million, to £166 million. The government is pledged to recruit 751 extra immigration staff to speed the handling of applications for political asylum.

Applications are running at about 1,000 a week. Ministers believe that many asylum seekers are bogus and are trying to avoid immigration controls. "This will enable us to deal quickly and fairly with the growing numbers of people arriving in the UK to seek asylum as well as to deal with extra passenger traffic when the Channel tunnel is completed," Mr Baker says in the release.

He adds that the need to control public spending means it is impossible to satisfy all demands on Home Office services. "Nonetheless, this is a balanced package which addresses our main priorities and should enable us to meet our objectives as effectively, efficiently and economically as possible."

The 11 per cent increase takes Home Office spending from £5,390 million in 1991-2 to £5,980 million in 1992-3, £6,390 million in 1993-4 and £6,660 million in 1994-5.

Increased provision for the police would allow recruitment of an extra 937 officers, bringing maximum possible strength in forces throughout England and Wales to more than 129,000, a rise of nearly 10,400, or 9 per cent, over the past 12 years. The Metropolitan Police would have resources for 300 additional operational officers in 1992-3, with 200 of the new posts created through savings by handing desk jobs to non-police staff.

Mr Baker says: "There is no more visible demonstration of our commitment to continuing the fight against crime than the substantial increases in police manpower since we came to office."

Increased spending on the prison system is designed to enable progress with reforms outlined in the recent jails white paper responding to recommendations by Lord Justice Woolf's enquiry into last year's Strangeways riots. These would include ending "the deplorable practice of slopping out" by providing in-cell sanitation at a cost of £14.5 million in 1992-3 and £11.5 million in the following financial year, Mr Baker says.

Prisoners' earnings will also be increased and 1,600 extra prison staff will be recruited.

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NHS sticks firmly as the big concern

Patten: playing election games the matey way

Richard Ford hears the worries of anxious voters

David Ward will break the habit of a lifetime tomorrow to cast his vote for the Liberal Democrats.

For a man who has given his support to every Tory prime minister since Winston Churchill it is something of a wrench, but unemployment and a second recession have led him to desert the Tories. If his act of disloyalty is repeated across the Langbaurgh constituency, then the Conservatives will lose their grip on the North-East marginal seat that they held at the last general election with a majority of 2,088.

As Labour and the opinion polls declare that the future of the national health service remains the key issue on the doorstep, it is clear that an undercurrent of concern and long-term fear over the region's future economic prospects is causing many Tories to waver.

Mr Ward, a 64-year-old former process operator who was made redundant from ICI eight years ago, said: "I have voted for the Tories for 40 years, but not any more. Look at what they have done to this country. They have flattened our manufacturing industry so that all we can do now is build plants in which the Japanese make cars." As he carried his shopping in Guisborough, he added: "The health service and transport are in a terrible state. What is the future for us?"

Such is the management of modern by-elections that no hint of that kind of criticism was allowed to intrude into Chris Patten's brief walk along the town's Westgate yesterday. The Tory party chairman was at his most matey, shouting "wotcha" at shoppers pressed forward to meet him by an advance team of Tory workers.

All the main parties are at the same game. Walk ahead of the national politician, find party supporters and provide them with an introduction that makes a good photo-opportunity for the next day's paper or television news programme. The determined step and icy stare of others is quickly seen as an opponent on whom no time should be wasted. Apart from those who are clearly flattered to have senior political figures in their midst, most of the electioneering is ignored by the rest of the public.

Mr Patten had told the Tories' daily press conference earlier that their vote had remained remarkably solid and predicted that the candidate, Michael Bates, would win tomorrow's by-election. "I do not see the confidence one would expect in the Labour campaign, in a classic marginal seat in a by-election at the tailend of a recession", Mr Patten said. He added that Labour had ignored the good news about Britain and the northeast.

Labour has run a twin-track campaign highlighting Tory policies on the health service and the underlying uncertainty about the economy. Yet Tory questions about how Labour would pay for its plans has struck home with voters sceptical about the Opposition's plans for education, training and health..

AROUND THE LOBBY

NUM falls foul of the House

The Yorkshire branch of the National Union of Mineworkers has been reprimanded by the Commons privileges committee for issuing an "implicit and improper" threat against Kevin Barron, Labour MP for Rother Valley. Mr Barron, Labour's coal industry spokesman who is sponsored by the union, had complained to the committee after receiving "guidelines" from the Yorkshire area council on union policy.

Parking fines

The number of parking fines owed by diplomatic missions in London fell in the first six months of the year compared with the corresponding period last year but still numbered 3,000, Mark Lennox-Boyd, Foreign Office under secretary, said in a written reply. Saudi Arabia was the worst offender with 194 fines outstanding. The Soviet Union came next with 164 and Kuwait third with 165.

Home help

Home buyers on income support are to have their mortgage interest paid direct to lenders under arrangements being made by the social security department, Nicholas Scott, the minister, said in a written reply.

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Environment. Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech (council tax).
Lords (2.30): Continuation of debate on the Queen's Speech (home and social affairs and education).

Tories are accused of nepotism

THE row between the two main parties over the health service took a new turn yesterday with allegations of nepotism thrown at the John Major and William Waldegrave, the health secretary (Robert Morgan writes):

During prime minister's question time in the Commons, Paul Flynn, Labour MP for Newport West, asked why the government was turning the health service into a family business. Why, he asked, had the prime minister appointed two Tory former ministers, the sister of a Tory minister, the wives of two Tory MPs and the husband of a Tory minister to run opted-out hospitals? "They are milking it for their own personal financial gain."

Mr Major retorted that Lady Callaghan, wife of the former prime minister, had been an excellent chairman of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children. It was odd that the Labour party should wish to exclude women from certain jobs because of their husbands' positions.

MacGregor outlines Commons reform

By Sheila Gunn, Political Correspondent

MPs might consider all-night sittings a virility symbol, but the public did not, John MacGregor, leader of the Commons, said yesterday.

Instead, he put forward a package of changes to give MPs a four-day week, with the Commons rising at 10pm and some debates in the morning.

At the first public session of the special Commons committee investigating MPs' hours, members complained that the present system destroyed any chance of a normal family life for many MPs, particularly young mothers and those with far-flung constituencies.

Alistair Burt, Conservative MP for Bury North, said that as an MP with a young family he found that the combination of constituency and parliamentary duties distorted family life. He called for a firm rule to finish Commons business at 10pm.

Mr MacGregor recommended: no Friday sittings; some Monday to Thursday morning sittings for private members' business; more use of guillotines for limiting debate on changes to bills; abolition of 10-minute-rule bills; further time limits on speeches; a 30-minute limit on questions after the Thursday statement on the next week's business; abolition of holiday adjournment debates; and less time to be spent on setpiece debates such as the Queen's Speech, the Budget and defence estimates.

In his evidence, he said: "Few would deny that there is scope now to waste time, whether through bogus points of order, filibustering or otherwise. Scope for such abuse of procedures will not simply disappear if our sittings arrangements change."

In a questionnaire returned by 444 of the 650 MPs more than half said that they wanted a reduction in the total Commons hours and more than 83 per cent called for fewer late sittings. There was also support from most MPs for a fixed parliamentary year.

Mr MacGregor made clear to the committee that he was committed to a new regime for the Commons. Government bills and business were responsible for filling only half the parliamentary hours and whether reforms resulted in shorter hours rested largely on MPs exercising a degree of self-discipline.

Mr MacGregor also promised the committee that he would consider making it unnecessary for seriously ill MPs to be brought in for crucial votes if the "usual channels" between the parties failed.

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New leadership team in Japan blends rough with smooth

By DAVID WATTS, DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

TWO radically different personalities assumed leadership of the Japanese government yesterday when the urbane and polished Kiichi Miyazawa became prime minister.

Mr Miyazawa, the only Japanese leader to boast English as fluent as any native speaker, is joined by Michio Watanabe, a former sergeant in the imperial army, as foreign minister. For Mr Miyazawa it is the culmination of a career in which he has served in 13 cabinet posts over four decades.

But he became prime minister yesterday very much as the compromise candidate after the most powerful Liberal Democratic Party faction — that of Noboru Takeshita, the former prime minister — had been unable to field a leadership candidate. So Mr Miyazawa takes office at the pleasure of the most powerful kingmaker in the Japanese firmament, Shin Kanemaru, someone who has little time for his cerebral, slightly aloof approach to politics.

If Mr Watanabe could be seen as a fairground barker, Mr Miyazawa has the bearing and poise of the nobility. As finance minister in the administration of Noboru Takeshita, the last prime minister but one, Mr Miyazawa pursued policies of easy money which helped propel Japan into the "bubble economy" of the late 1980s. This saw land prices spiral out of sight to the extent that the land area of the city of Tokyo and a single neighbouring prefecture was equal in value to the whole of the land mass of the United States.

This unreal situation led, in turn, to the corruption scandals including, most notoriously, the Recruit debacle in which politicians were given the opportunity to buy shares in the company at bargain prices and enabled to sell them again at vast profits after the shares were ramped on the Tokyo stock exchange. Mr Miyazawa, aged 72, was impicated in that scandal and obliged to resign in 1988 in what appeared at the time to be the end of his political career. Without a trace of irony Mr Miyazawa now says he will do his utmost for reform.

His command of English is not necessarily seen as an advantage at home: during dull periods in the Diet in Tokyo Mr Miyazawa is wont to read either English-language news magazines or novels. When he does he finds it politic to cover them with a vernacular publication.

Mr Watanabe spent his formative years in the Imperial Army and learned his bluff style of diplomacy in the sergeants' mess. One of the gutsiest and most outspoken of Japanese politicians, he never shrinks from speaking his mind and once had to apologise to American blacks for implying that they were wayward and ran away from their obligations and debts.

Mr Watanabe was an unexpectedly close runner-up to Mr Miyazawa in the race for the leadership of the Liberal Democratic Party which carries with it the prime ministership of the country. He won that position through his leadership of the Nakasone faction which he inherited from the former prime minister with whom he shares robust views on Japan's role in the world and the need for it to take up such obligations as providing United Nations peacekeeping troops.

In the customarily bland statements that mark the acceptance of such appointments, Mr Watanabe said yesterday: "I'd like to make a vital foreign ministry which will be more trusted at home and abroad."

Students maimed and killed in East Timor

By OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

DOZENS of resistance sympathisers have been killed over the past ten days in a new crackdown by the government of Indonesia in East Timor.

At the weekend, two students in Dili, the East Timor capital, had their ears cut off for possessing Portuguese flags after the last-minute cancellation by the government in Jakarta of a long-planned mission by Portuguese politicians and European journalists. The resistance has sent radio reports of the new Indonesian measures to Australia.

Nearly 40 Catholic bishops throughout the world have added their names to an appeal being sent to Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the secretary-general of the United Nations.

News of the mutilation of the students was given last night by José Ramos Horta, the special representative of the National Council of Resistance in East Timor, when he arrived in Britain to plead with the government and members of parliament to put pressure on Indonesia to stop the killing. Britain supplies a considerable amount of military hardware, including Hawk ground-attack training aircraft, to the Indonesians.

The resistance believes the Indonesians deliberately cancelled the Portuguese mission at the 11th hour, after three years of planning, when it became clear that the military would not be able to control widespread demonstrations and protests. According to intelligence fed to Mr Horta, messages between the army command and Dili indicated that the military could not guarantee the success of the visit.

The Indonesians gave as their reason for cancellation the inclusion of Jill Joliffe, a Lisbon-based journalist. She has written extensively about East Timor, which Indonesia invaded in 1975.

Making her mark: Imelda Marcos submits to being fingerprinted after being charged in a Manila court with the first three of almost 100 charges that the Philippines government plans to bring against her

Jubilant crowds revive subdued Imelda Marcos

From JOANNA PITMAN IN MANILA

A CONVINCINGLY subdued and moist-eyed Imelda Marcos made her way in ignominy yesterday to Quezon city hall in Manila to be charged formally with the first three of almost 100 criminal and civil cases that the Philippines government plans to bring against the former first lady. She is alleged to have salted away $5 billion (£2.8 billion) from government coffers during the 20 years that she and her late husband, Ferdinand Marcos, ruled the Philippines.

Picking her high-heeled way through the filthy, rubble-strewn surroundings of the city hall, she was led up to a stuffy courtroom surrounded by armed guards, where she was formally charged in three tax violation cases. She sniffed loudly as she proffered ten exquisitely manicured and bejewelled fingers for fingerprinting, counted out £3,645 bail money and turned in distress to her lawyer, Antonio Coronel. The small and wiry Mr Coronel, dressed in a white knitted cap, shocking pink shirt and shiny white shoes, slouched confidently on the court bench and fingered his diamond-encrusted ring.

"The reason she has come home is to vindicate herself before the courts," growled the man who will defend Mrs Marcos in all 100 of her Philippines court cases. "I have a fairly good batting average. My clients pay according to their means, though she will be paying high. I have no doubt we will win."

When the Marcos family fled from the Philippines after the 1986 "people's power revolution", they left behind a rich legacy of allegations and rumours of corruption, murder and theft. Rigging the courts was one of these allegations and Manila's more cynical observers are already speculating about how much an acquittal might cost Mrs Marcos.

Even if she was distressed at having to pay a few thousand in bail to her arch rival, President Aquino, the jubilant crowds outside the courtroom quickly revived Mrs Marcos, who swept out imperiously, flashing inky-fingered victory signs at her supporters.

The woman who was accustomed to buying tiaras by the dozen and who kept gallon-sized jugs of French scents that sell for £55 an ounce, had spent the morning bestowing her greetings on the nation's hardiest and most frugal farmers from the northern province of Ilocos Norte, where her late husband Ferdinand was born.

Philippines familial ties, which come as strong as any tribal loyalties, have the capacity to forgive anything in this country, especially when there is a circus coming to town. Thousands of poor and ragged men and women tumbled out of buses at the local airport early yesterday, clutching "We want our darling Imelda" banners and scrambling for a sight of the widow accused at one time of sucking out of the country, along with Marcos relatives and friends, a sum equivalent to the Philippines national debt: £14.5 billion.

Mrs Marcos was assured of a triumphal welcome in this northern province which registered 95-98 per cent Marcos victories in all elections since her husband became president in 1966.

Ferdinand Marcos Jr, the 34-year-old son and heir apparent, travelled straight up to Ilocos Norte last week on his return to the Philippines, for a morale-boosting tour of the Marcos home territory. Like his mother, he was engulfed in an overwhelming and emotional welcome and greeted with tears and kisses as the long lost son of the province.

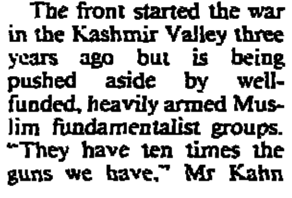
He has vowed to begin his new political career as the Ilocos Norte governor or congress representative. Many poor but proud Ilocos peasants already entertain visions of a long-awaited revival of the Marcos name.

Rebels losing fight for a free Kashmir

From CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN MUZAFFARABAD, KASHMIR

Amanullah Khan runs the Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front from above a garage in the centre of Rawalpindi. He says he is in trouble because "we have no money, no guns, no ammunition. It is becoming difficult to fight."

The front started the war in the Kashmir Valley three years ago but is being pushed aside by well-funded, heavily armed Muslim fundamentalist groups. "They have ten times the guns we have," Mr Kahn said. The secular organisation, which favours an independent Kashmir free of both Pakistan and India, is under pressure from the Pakistan government, which favours the fundamentalists. There has been talk among officials in the state government that administers the Pakistan side of Kashmir about banning the front, which is increasingly a political embarrassment because of its independent stance.



Rivalries between guerrilla groups in Kashmir could lead to Afghan-style battles for supremacy. Mr Kahn acknowledged that there was a danger of "civil war" between different groups, and said recent negotiations through intermediaries had prevented conflicts between him and fundamentalist organisations. "I am not a narrow-minded mullah," he added.

America has joined Britain in banning Mr Kahn, aged 58. Asked if he was interested in peace talks with India, he said: "No. We don't trust them. We are willing to discuss our relations with India as an independent Kashmir, and nothing else."

Muzaffarabad, capital of what Pakistan calls Azad (free) Kashmir, tolerates a front office with armed guards in a back alley. But the relationship is increasingly tense, perhaps reflecting Pakistan's determination not to allow the independence movement to take root on its side of the border.

Pakistan's support for the fundamentalists has abruptly changed the nature of the conflict in the Kashmir Valley and led directly to the decline of the front, once by far the biggest armed group. More than 100 guerrilla organisations now operate there. Most favour unity with Pakistan, which demonstrably is not the desire of most, indeed almost all, Kashmiri Muslims.

As for Pakistan, it is plainly fanning the flames of the war in Kashmir and it is quite probable that some arm of the government is providing material support.

Art world hopes for an upturn

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

THE art world was waiting nervously last night for the auction of key impressionist and modern works at Christie's in New York, a sale which will signal whether the market is finally on the mend after the burst of the late 1980s bubble.

The price set by Fernand Leger's *Le Petit Dejeuner*, a post-Cubist oil of 1921 and other "fresh on the market" items from the collection of the Tremaine family will set the tone for ten days of sales at Christie's and Sotheby's, expected to fetch about $200 million ($113 million). The Leger, which features three nudes who blend with stylised factory machinery, is expected to bring between $8 million and $10 million. As well as the trove from the estate of the late Burton and Emily Tremaine, estimated at between $30 million and $40 million, Christie's was selling 60 works by various owners, including a Toulouse-Lautrec estimated at between $4 million and $5 million. Sotheby's follows up today with an impressionist and modern group valued at between $48 million and $66 million. This includes Giorgio de Chirico's *Delights of the Poet*, estimated modestly at $3 million.

Prices are now about 50 per cent below their peak and are somewhere around the level they occupied in 1986-7, say dealers, but uncertainty is rife. "Who the hell knows?" said Milton Esterow, the publisher of *ARTnews* magazine.

No-one expects a new surge of the kind triggered by the Japanese in New York two years ago. Thanks to financial scandals and the dubious investment potential in a shaky market, the Japanese are not expected to return in force. However, serious private collectors from around the world are said to be ready to re-enter the market after holding off while prices settled.

General strike angers Pretoria

Johannesburg — Relative calm prevailed throughout South Africa yesterday as more than three million black workers observed the second day of a two-day general strike to protest against Pretoria's restructuring of the economy (Gavin Bell writes).

As a show of strength the strike has been impressive. Whether by conviction or by intimidation, black workers effectively brought trade and industry to a standstill as they signalled that no future system of government is likely to be viable without their approval.

For their immediate goals, their strategy may be less effective. Angered by the strike, the government insists there is no place for trade union leaders in economic policy forums. President de Klerk is expected to reaffirm this view in a speech at the opening of the Transvaal congress of his National party in Pretoria tomorrow night.

There seems little doubt, however, that the disruptive action led by the Congress of South African Trade Unions will strengthen the hand of the African National Congress and its allies when negotiations begin on a new constitution. The strike has also reinforced the trade union movement's claim for a seat at the negotiating table.

The strike ended as it began, with sporadic violence. Police shot dead a demonstrator and wounded five others at Daveyton, east of Johannesburg. Two railway lines in the Transvaal and the Cape were damaged by bomb explosions.

Senator denies call-girl claims

Islamabad — Senator Samiul Haq, a Pakistani religious leader who supported the enactment of strict Islamic laws, has denied claims that he has been involved with a call-girl.

Mr Haq, vice-president of the ruling Islamic Democratic Alliance, said he had been implicated by the "forces of evil", and could not be obstructed in the realisation of his "mission for Islam" even if 50,000 prostitutes spoke rubbish against him. *(Reuter)*

Torture claim

Security police meted out brutal treatment to up to 300 people in Djibouti after arrests last year, according to Amnesty International. Alleged methods of torture included the use of detergent-soaked gags, swinging detainees from poles as they were beaten, and the use of electric shocks.

Ties renewed

Peking — China and Vietnam have renewed diplomatic ties after a 20-year break and opened discussions on trade and economic co-operation during a five-day visit to Peking by top Vietnamese officials. *(Reuter)*

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Kings Point — A Japanese officer's sword given to General Douglas MacArthur at the end of the second world war has been returned to the US Merchant Marine Academy in New York State by an unidentified man, 18 years after it was stolen. *(AP)*

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Israel softens stance on venue for resumed bilateral peace talks

From Richard Beeston in Jerusalem

PROSPECTS for an early resumption of Israeli dialogue with a Palestinian-Jordanian delegation have improved considerably, with Israel appearing to soften its position on where future talks should be held.

At the same time Palestinian negotiators won an important endorsement from their normally radical countrymen in the Gaza Strip. In Gaza chamber of commerce elections — in the absence of any political polls the next best thing in gauging public opinion — 13 of 16 seats went to supporters of the mainstream Fatah faction of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which supports the idea of direct talks with Israel. The remaining seats were won by Muslim fundamentalist supporters of Hamas, which opposes the talks and has waged a week-long campaign of protest against dialogue with Israel.

The results came after two peaceful demonstrations yesterday in the West Bank towns of Bethlehem and Tulkarm. The demonstrations were by supporters of the peace talks who were continuing their campaign in favour of the Palestinian negotiators in Madrid, who are expected to receive a heroes' welcome when they return home.

One question left unresolved in Spain was where future talks should be held. Israel has previously insisted that they be moved to the countries involved. The Arab side has wanted them to continue in Madrid or at some other neutral venue. Now, however, the Israelis have softened their "demand" that the talks be in the Middle East, saying instead that that is their "preference". At the same time they have hinted that a compromise venue may be found, perhaps Cyprus, Turkey or Greece.

"We have said what we want," Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, said in an interview late on Monday. "We prefer to carry out the bilateral negotiations in the region."

His conciliatory tone was echoed by Taher Masri, his Jordanian counterpart, who urged both sides to offer compromises when they reconvene the talks. "This is a very good start, especially after the enmity that has existed between both parties for so long," he said.

● **Sharon plea:** Ariel Sharon, Israel's hardline housing minister, yesterday called on the government substantially to expand Israel's security zone in southern Lebanon after a day of further clashes in the south of the country.

Security sources in the area reported another day of artillery bombardments by Israeli gunners and batteries manned by their surrogates, the South Lebanon Army, which shelled Shia Muslim villages in the area suspected of supporting fundamentalist Hezbollah guerrillas.

Responding to the upsurge in violence in the region, Mr Sharon, a former general and defence minister who was widely criticised for his handling of the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982, said: "The zone should be wider." He went on to suggest that the area of Israeli control should reach to the Litani river, north of the southern Lebanese port of Tyre.

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'Executioner' joins Le Pen on hustings

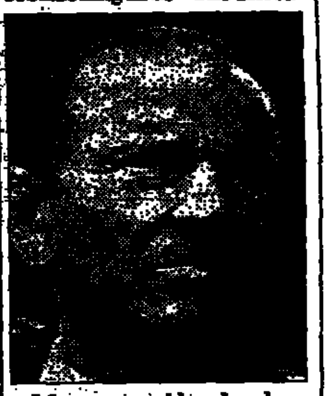
From Philip Jacobson in Paris

WITH his cauliflower ears, battered features and heavy build, Freddy-Robert Moreau looks absolutely right for the part of personal bodyguard to the leader of France's extreme right-wing National Front, Jean-Marie Le Pen. A good many journalists have felt the sharp end of M Moreau's elbows over the past decade as he marshalled the crop-haired stewards who keep order at M Le Pen's campaign meetings.

But although he was once the terror of French professional wrestling, the red-robed "Executioner of Béthune", he has always been a cut above the party's usual sullen muscle men. It comes as no great surprise to learn that this urbane, well-educated man of 60 has been selected to stand as a National Front candidate in the north of France in regional elections next spring.

If the latest opinion polls are to be believed, M Moreau could easily be carried into office alongside M Le Pen by the nationwide surge of support for the National Front. "I share Jean-Marie's yearning for the return of order in France," he observes. He has been involved in politics since campaigning for the candidate of the mainstream conservative opposition in Lille some 15 years ago.

Born in Ostend, where his father was conductor and composer-in-residence of the local orchestra, M Moreau obtained a diploma in "ancient humanities" and studied medicine for two years at the University of Louvain before moving to France and the spit-and-sawdust world of wrestling. His mother was horrified, but he needed the money to live on and it was soon rolling in as "The Executioner" over-played the part of big bad guy against crowd-pleasing opponents.



Moreau: could only play the good guy in Britain

As M Moreau recalled in the newspaper *Libération*, he soon became the most hated figure in the ring in all France, booed and hissed with relish, frequently showered with beer cans and rubbish. Only in Britain, he observes, tongue-in-cheek, in excellent English, was he finally allowed to play the good guy for a change, cheered to the echo.

In 1970 he decided to retire and pursue his keen interest in politics. In the early 1980s M Le Pen invited him to help with the National Front's campaign for the elections to the European parliament: after the unexpected success of the French far-right, M Le Pen, now an MEP, asked him to stay on as chief minder and security organiser.

Protesters block roads in France

From Our Own Correspondent in Paris

HUNDREDS of French long-distance lorry drivers brought chaos to one of France's main traffic routes yesterday when they blocked the A6 motorway near Lyons. Organisers of the protest, staged by employees seeking wage increases and small fleet owners worried about cut-throat competition from large firms, said they would not give up until Paul Quilès, the transport minister, agreed to meet them.

With similar disruptions on the busy A40 between Mâcon and Geneva and on the RN5, enormously long queues of traffic quickly built up. M Quilès indicated that he was willing to meet the organisers if all barricades were removed. But there were warnings of future blockades if government action is not swift.

In Rouen, strikers at Renault's large Cléon plant agreed to resume pay negotiations with management after riot police intervened on Sunday. In Paris, nurses marched to the office of Edith Cresson, the prime minister, and burned a coffin to complain about pay and working conditions.

UN woos Iran over hostages

From Michael Theodoulou in Nicosia

JAVIER Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations secretary-general, yesterday sent Abdulrahim Farah as his envoy to study the damage inflicted on Iran by its eight-year war with Iraq. Diplomats said the move was part of a diplomatic initiative to secure Tehran's help in achieving the release of the remaining Western hostages in Lebanon.

UN officials said a commission might be set up to study the origins of the war and to assign blame. Iraq is generally assumed to have started the war, but Iran wants the UN to confirm this so that it can apply for reparations from Baghdad. Tehran is furious that the UN has already established a body to force Iraq to pay compensation to countries and companies affected by the war to free Kuwait.

Reports that the United States could even make an $800 million (£450 million) profit from leading the coalition against Iraq have done little to smooth ruffled Iranian feathers. Mr Farah, a Somalian-born diplomat, will be in Iran for three weeks.

Moving picture: a model at New York's spring-summer fashion show wears a skirt designed by Perry Ellis which is decorated with a film motif and an Oscar award

Castro daughter pleads for help

By David Watts in London and David Bartal in Stockholm

DESPERATE and suffering from anorexia nervosa, Fidel Castro's only daughter is seeking help to leave Cuba, according to a letter that has been smuggled out to a life-long friend in Sweden.

Alina Fernandez Revuelta is the illegitimate daughter of the Cuban president and Natalia Revuelta, who was once regarded as one of the most beautiful women on the island. Dr Castro had met her in 1952 when she was already married to a wealthy doctor. Although she represented everything that the revolutionary leader sought to overthrow — with her membership of the Havana yacht and country clubs — she helped Dr Castro at a crucial moment in the revolutionary struggle. Alina is the only girl among what is claimed to be as many as five illegitimate children fathered by the Cuban revolutionary.

Alina, a former model, has already made several attempts to flee Cuba. When her friend, Alfredo García de Santamarina, visited her late last year she had told him that if her situation became desperate and further attempts to leave Havana became impossible she would include the phrase "The rainbow is beautiful" in a letter. Recently he received a letter saying: "The rainbow is fantastic." In it she says that she has been refused permission to work or travel abroad, most recently to Paris, and that her telephone is constantly out of order.

Officially Dr Castro's only child is a son, Fidelito, from his marriage to Mirta Diaz Balart, who runs the nuclear institute in Havana. Though the relationship of Dr Castro and his daughter is supposed to be a secret it is widely known in Cuba.

In reality Natalia Revuelta was just one of several mistresses in Dr Castro's life. She was soon to be replaced in his affections by a dark-haired beauty of Spanish descent, Gloria Gaitan. Like her predecessor, she too was married but seems to have been completely overwhelmed by the presence of a leader who then was at the height of his mesmerising powers.

Palace attacked in Lima

Lima — Left-wing guerrillas are suspected of firing rifle-propelled grenades at Peru's presidential palace yesterday. Radio reports said five people had launched the attack from a passing vehicle.

One grenade fell near the rear of the building and another landed in an adjacent street, injuring two policemen and a civilian, the reports said. Police defused two bombs in the area and put a security ring around the palace and nearby buildings. Initial suggestions were that the pro-Cuban Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement was responsible for the attack. *(Reuter)*

WASHINGTON NOTEBOOK by Martin Fletcher

Autumn blows an ill wind

The penetrating whine of the first leaf-blower began shortly before 7am on Saturday. By 9am there were at least three going. By midday the neighbourhood vibrated to the calibrated buzzing of perhaps a dozen of the wretched machines that are now as standard a fixture in the American "yard" as the basketball hoop and gas-fired barbecue.

In England autumn may still be the season of mists, mellow fruitfulness and train delays. Here it has become the season of infernal leaf-eating machines.

It is true that the average American suburban garden is several times larger and has many more trees than its compact British counterpart. It is a fact that a 75ft maple can shed up to 700,000 leaves each autumn. It is also the case that bonfires are banned in the capital's wooded suburbs, the penalty being a $1,000 (£560) fine and/or a year in jail. But in banning so mild and evocative a form of environmental pollution the authorities have inspired a monstrous form of noise pollution that drives to distraction those rare purists who still toil to clear their lawns with outsize rakes and plastic sheets. In a nation so obsessed with labour-saving devices that it works double-time to pay for them, leaf-blowers cost anywhere from $50 to $500 depending on their sophistication.

Tell him we don't need a leaf blower.
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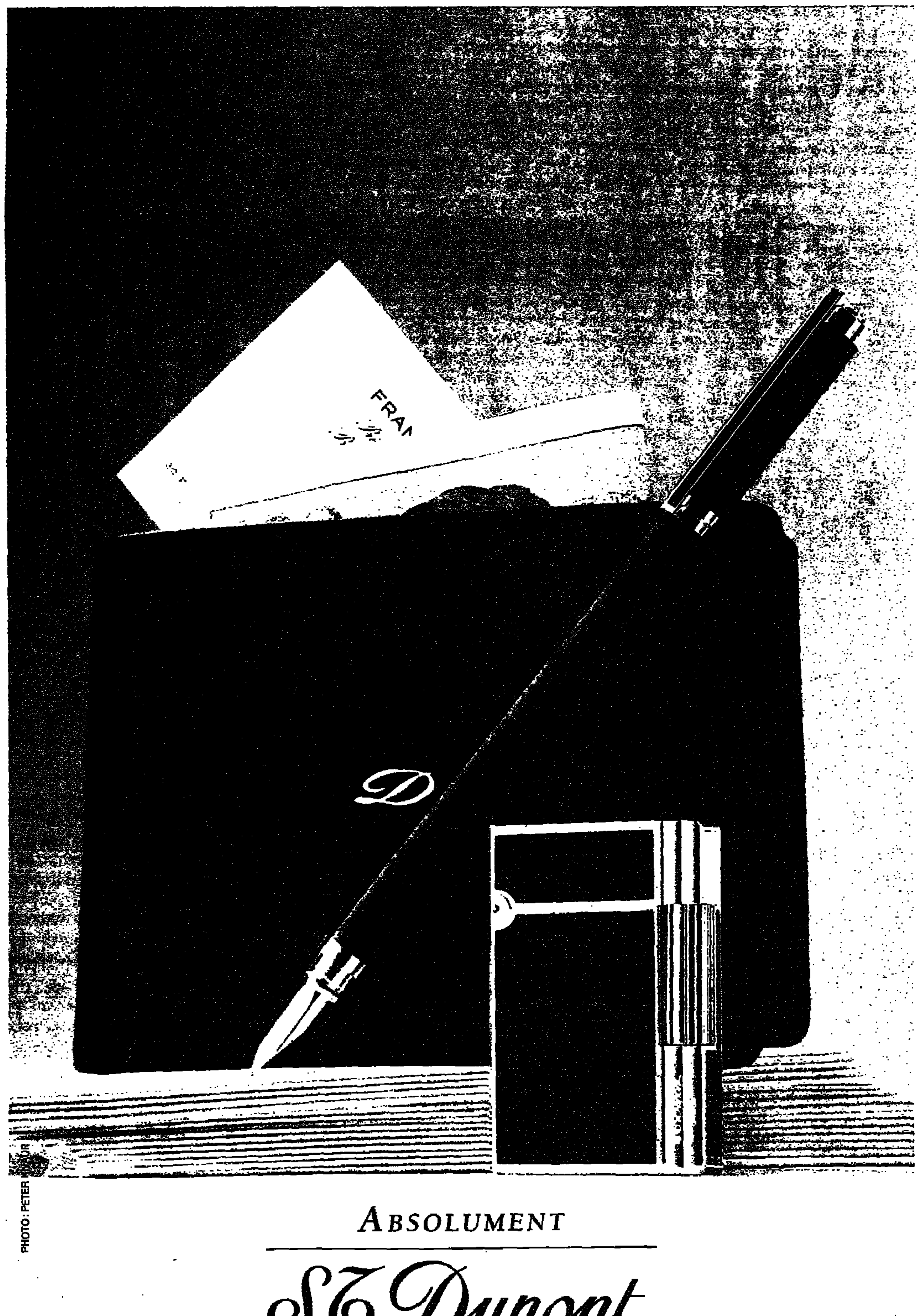
The idea is to start from the back of your yard and advance in sweeps, blasting the leaves forward into an ever-higher ridge until you eventually reach the road. Overnight on Saturday the wind scatters the piles back from whence they came. You then repeat the process on Sunday, and by evening entire streets are transformed into valleys lined with leafy foothills.

What precipitates this activity is the appearance of signs on lampposts giving warning of an impending leaf collection. On the appointed day, the council sends round lorries which suck these red and golden mounds into cavernous interiors, grind them up and cart them off.

Bobby Smith, chief of refuse collection for Fairfax County, northern Virginia, reports that each year his 22 mobile vacuum cleaners remove 80,000 cubic yards of leaves from 1,800 homes. He has not the slightest nostalgia for bonfires.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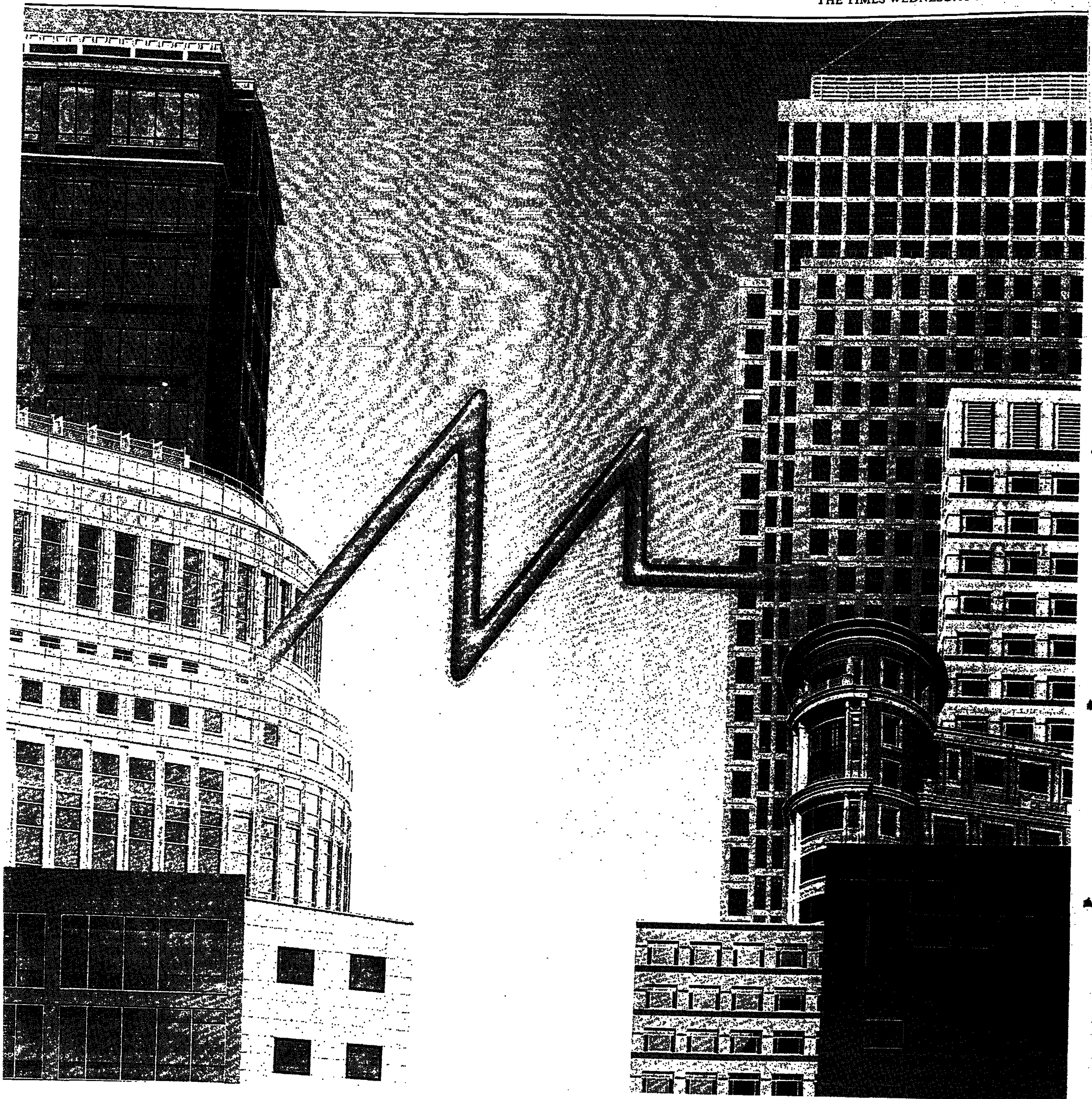

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Eastern Europe on trail of scapegoats for its economic woes

The time has come for reds to hide under beds, according to one commentator, as formerly *communist countries replace earlier tolerance* with witch-hunting, **Roger Boyes** writes

Havel: reluctant to sign witch-hunt legislation

WITCH-HUNTING is back in fashion in Central and Eastern Europe as post-communist governments seek scapegoats for the impending economic difficulties confronting them. "It is time for reds to hide under beds," a Polish commentator wrote, only half in jest.

The Hungarian parliament this week amended the statute of limitations, *allowing the government to* treat former communist officials the same as war criminals. This has opened the way for about 50 trials.

President Havel of Czechoslovakia, on the other hand, has signed into law a bill that will, from January, ban communist functionaries or known collaborators with the police from holding civil service jobs for five years. And in Poland, the Centre Alliance, one of the groups calling particularly stridently for communist wrongdoers to be pursued, is likely to be at the heart of the new government.

The timing of the moves, almost *two years after the 1989 revolutions,* has been influenced by the new nationalist *mood in* East European parliaments. The *prospect of mass* unemployment — there will be 2.3 million jobless in Poland by the end of the year — and the general distaste for the number of communists who have succeeded in setting up private businesses, has put an end to the relative tolerance of the months after the revolutions.

The new governments are determined to show that the present economic miseries have their roots in 50 years of communist mismanagement: the answer is thus not to stop market reforms, but to point *the finger* at the guilty planners and functionaries. Opinion polls in Poland and *Hungary show that* communist old-boy networks are a real *source of* anger. *Revenge or, as it is* more politely labelled, the "settling of accounts", is *now* a key theme in *newspaper articles,* parliamentary discussions and cafe conversation throughout the region.

Mr Havel only reluctantly approved the new witch-hunting legislation and did so with the strong recommendation that parliament should amend it later. Alexander Dubcek, the parliamentary Speaker, also distanced himself from the bill.

Mr Havel told Czech radio: "The most active supporters of weeding out communists are those who under *the totalitarian regime had* kept their mouths shut and are now ostentatiously trying to make up for their mistake. The law is aimed at the *Communist party — but there* have been eight million party members *since the war.*"

But such calls for tolerance are being brushed aside. *Jozsef* Antall, the Hungarian prime minister, was also inclined to ignore communist wrongdoings — only two secret-police officers have been tried since the fall of communism — but has given in to pressure from his party, the Hungarian *Democratic* Forum. Right-wing party members want not *only a series of trials and* a purge *of* secret agents but a clean-out of all communist and liberal sympathisers in the media.

The party's caucus leader recently called for "decisive action" against communists in television. In a party document, Imre Konya said the government had demonstrated its tolerance and could now afford to purge the media and put an end to anti-government bias.

Through general elections, Poland and Bulgaria have recently, ended round-table power-sharing arrangements *with* the communists. In Bulgaria the communists, known as *the Socialist party, are narrowly in* opposition. In Poland the com*munists, though still quite strong,* have been pushed to the political margins, which has unbottled the anti-communist genie. In Poland, the Centre Alliance, which seems certain to be one of the most dynamic forces in the new government, is pressing for trials and the pursuit of communist managers who used their *inside knowledge to* buy undervalued shares in private *companies.*

Various crimes that were only sluggishly investigated while the communists were still a substantial force in parliament will now be pursued more aggressively: the prosecutor is already promising revelations of high-level political involvement in the murder of Father Jerzy Popieluszko, the pro-Solidarity priest, in 1984. In Bulgaria, Konstantin Trenchev, the head of the Podkrepa trade union movement, is *calling* for show trials of communists.

So, *too, is the influential* Movement for Rights and Freedom which *represents the ethnic* Turkish minority in Bulgaria: they want the *party officials* responsible *for* persecuting Bulgarian Turks in the 1980s to be brought to book.

Antall: forced to give in by pressure from party

Carrington issues ultimatum to Yugoslavs as hostilities escalate in civil war

Croat attack threatens peace hopes

From Tom Walker in the Hague and Anne McElvoy in Zagreb

LORD Carrington yesterday threatened to suspend the Yugoslav peace conference in The Hague unless the 12th and latest ceasefire in Croatia is respected by Friday.

The Serbian government claimed Croatia had launched an artillery offensive on the town of Sid in the Serbian province of Vojvodina, killing four people and injuring 12. The official news agency Tanjug claimed a grain silo was hit in the assault, launched from a nearby village on Croatian territory.

This would be the first offensive on Serbian territory by Croatian forces and would herald a serious escalation in hostilities, providing the signal for all-out war between the two republics. A spokesman for the Croatian defence ministry denied the attack on Sid, claiming that Serbia was "playing political games" to distract attention from its behaviour in The Hague.

Sid has been used as a base by the federal army to launch attacks on the battered towns of Vukovar, Vinkovci and Osijek. Rumours have been circulating that a Croatian assault might be imminent, especially as local forces, many faithful to the ultra-right HOS movement, are dissatisfied with Zagreb's defensive tactics which have failed to prevent a massive Serbian advance into Croatia.

Croatia has carried out a successful counter-offensive in Virovitica near the Hungarian border in the last few days, regaining villages lost to the Serbs last month. Serb refugees are also escaping into northern Bosnia saying they have been burnt out of their villages by the Croatian National Guard.

Serbia is now insisting that a future federation be described as a "unity of common states of equal republics and nations who want to remain in Yugoslavia". This wording is unacceptable to Croatia as it would allow majority Serb areas within the republic, such as the Krajina region, to break away from Croatia and join a Serb-dominated federation.

Despite a Serbian and Croatian pledge in The Hague to order a ceasefire by the end of the week, fighting continued unabated. Air attacks were reported on Karlovac, 30 miles south of Zagreb, and Nin near the port of Zadar. The army in the port of Rijeka, which supplies oil to Zagreb and central Croatia, has threatened a revenge attack after it claimes that nine soldiers were killed by Croatian forces there.

Vukovar and Osijek came under heavy shelling all day. Croatian radio reported that the federal commander of the Novi Sad district, General Mladen Bratic, was killed in action on Monday night.

Lord Carrington said it was useless to continue talking while fighting continued. "This not only makes a farce of a conference aiming for a peaceful settlement, but is also unacceptable in international terms," he said, adding that if the new ceasefire fails he will ask EC foreign ministers to decide further action.

Genie of extremism turns on leaders

From Anne McElvoy in Zagreb

ANYONE who is ill-informed enough to wander over to the Zagreb artists' club these days is in for a shock. Outside the ornate 19th-century building, where the city's creative classes used to gather, lounge beefy men in black uniforms, sporting armbands and rifles.

Sandbags have to be negotiated to reach the door. From *the belts of the guards hang* grenades, clanking like Christmas tree baubles. The body-search is so enthusiastic that it feels like a minor roughing-up.

The club is now the headquarters of the ultra-nationalist Party of Rights, rapidly gaining in popularity as Croats lose faith in the neutered nationalism of Franjo Tudjman's government, which has failed to hang on to Croatian territory in the four months of conflict. The party was once something of an embarrassment in a country longing for recognition from Western Europe. Now that this hope has receded, the party and its 3,000-strong paramilitary wing, the Croatian Defence Association, HOS, are becoming acceptable.

The leaders of both Croatia and Serbia, are discovering that nationalism, once unleashed, tends to turn on those who invoke it. Slobodan Milosevic, the communist-turned-nationalist who holds power in Belgrade, was warned by his generals and the ferocious leader of the "autonomous Serbian republic" of Krajina in Croatia that they would view his signature on the peace accord in The Hague yesterday as treachery.

Mr Milosevic would probably have preferred to sign and, in his time-honoured fashion, ignore the accord later. He is wary of provoking sanctions against Serbia, fearful that he could be toppled this winter if economic difficulties worsen. But he is even more reluctant to be on the wrong side if the generals decide they no longer need politicians.

Franjo Tudjman, the Croatian president, has similar problems with the Party of Rights. Its leader, Dobroslav Paraga is a former dissident who surrounds himself with fast-talking Canadian exiles of a dress sense and general swagger recalling the glory days of Derek Hatton. The public relations operation runs smoothly. In Zagreb, they are not keen on members painting the black "U" for Ustasha (the Croatian fascists of the second world war) on their trucks — a familiar sight in eastern Croatia.

But the undercurrent of extremism cannot be ignored. "Ante Pavelic [the leader of the Ustasha] is a much-maligned man," said Mr Paraga evenly. "He was a true Croatian patriot and we carry on his work."

Late at night, there are bursts of gunfire from the building. The paramilitaries are noted for their soldierly prowess but also for a youthful over-excitability and a tendency to engage in rough justice. The defence of many strategic towns and villages is in the hands of HOS. They are technically part of the national guard, but operate alone and are thought to be the only forces to have entered the besieged town of Vukovar by constructing a network of passages though the cornfields. There are blood-curdling tales of their butchery of Serb irregulars in a trap in Vukovar they call "the cage".

Zlatko Delic, a HOS man in Zagreb for the funeral of a colleague killed in action, said: "The night is our friend." He was heading back to the front to save Vukovar from "the traitors to humanity". The Serbs? The army? He flushes an angry puce: "No, the so-called government, asleep here in Zagreb while Vukovar dies."

If Vukovar does fall, the Party of Rights will be quick to blame President Tudjman. In an attempt to regain control of the Croatian forces, the interior and defence ministries have accused the party and HOS of fighting a private war and sabotaging the government's authority in order to seize power.

Mr Paraga has threatened that any attempt to ban his organisation would lead to civil war in Croatia: "Mr Tudjman will reap the sour reward of his actions."

Thirst for life: children in besieged Dubrovnik, where there has been no running water for a month, collect rainwater yesterday. With an allowance of only a gallon of fresh water per family a day, the downpour was a godsend

Prince is invited to Zagreb

Dubrovnik — The mayor of the besieged Croatian city has invited the Prince of Wales to travel to Yugoslavia to help save the historic Adriatic city (Tim Judah writes). Pero Poljanic said that if the prince accepted his invitation "he would have to share the bombs and grenades with us".

Buckingham Palace confirmed that it had received the invitation. Palace officials said that, as with all overseas invitations to members of the royal family, they wouldhave to be guided by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office.

Mr Poljanic, aged 52, said he was inviting the Prince of Wales because he had heard that the prince had expressed concern about the city's fate. "I heard he was interested in preserving historical monuments." He added: "I would not be surprised if he came . . . I would find somewhere suitable for him to stay."

Asked whether security concerns might not deter the Prince of Wales from visiting, the ebullient mayor said: "He is not a child, he knows the situation in Croatia."

Dubrovnik has been besieged by Yugoslav federal forces for 35 days and is without water and electricity supplies or fresh food. The prince is the only prominent foreigner to be personally invited to visit the city.

Tolerance plea

Berlin — German television and sports stars are to launch a nationwide campaign to urge tolerance and goodwill towards asylum-seekers and other foreigners. Two people have been killed, and dozens have been injured, in a wave of xenophobic violence that broke out earlier. *(AFP)*

Bulgarian move

Sofia — President Zhelev of Bulgaria has asked Filip Dimitrov, leader of the anti-communist Union of Democratic Forces, to form a new government, the country's first without the former Communist party, now the Socialist party, which seized power in 1944 but lost control in the 1989 elections. *(AP)*

Skies opened

Moscow — The Soviet Union will let spy planes fly over its entire territory to verify arms control agreements, clearing a serious obstacle to an international "open skies" treaty, Tass said. A Soviet delegation made the statement in Vienna, where talks resumed yesterday on the two-year-old "open skies" proposal. *(AP)*

Drug pedallers

Rome — Fourteen Colombians, lugging bicycles and a massage table from Colombia as they tried to pass themselves off as cyclists, were arrested at Rome's main airport on drug trafficking charges, police said. Cocaine was seized after police became suspicious. *(AP)*

World Bank backs Soviet reform with $30m in aid

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

THE World Bank yesterday lent its support to economic reform in the Soviet Union with an agreement to advance $30 million (£17 million) worth of technical assistance.

The agreement was signed in the Kremlin by President Gorbachev and Lewis Preston, the president of the World Bank, and the assistance is tied to a wide-ranging plan to reform and develop financial institutions across the country. A further agreement on help in reorganising the agricultural sector is planned.

Shortly after the signing ceremony, however, the Soviet Union's immediate liquidity problems were underlined by a report from the Interfax news agency predicting that the Soviet Union could run out of foreign exchange before the end of the month. The agency quoted Anatoli Nosko, the deputy head of the Foreign Economic Bank, which has a monopoly on foreign currency transactions, as saying: "In the next few days, most likely in mid-November, the USSR could fall short of convertible currency to repay its foreign debt."

Neither the agreement signed yesterday nor the Soviet Union's month-old associate membership of the International Monetary Fund will help remedy Moscow's foreign debt problems. Neither can advance credits, and "technical assistance" means precisely that.

The head of the bank's department dealing with the Soviet Union, Russell Cheetham, was quoted as saying that the Soviet Union's application for full membership *of the IMF was under* consideration. But, he said: "*We are not yet in a situation* where we are contemplating *lending.*"

Even in its technical assistance agreement, *moreover,* the World Bank has carefully *hedged its bets between the* Soviet Union and the republics. All *its main clauses refer* to "the Soviet Union and the republics", suggesting that the bank envisages that it could be dealing with the republics, rather than the centre, before the term of the agreement expires.

Meanwhile, investigators *said that they seized* $14 million (£8 million) in cash *belonging to the Communist* party after the failed August *coup and have started* a criminal investigation into the *party's exports of hard currency.* The Russian prosecutor's *office,* which is leading the investigation, said that it had also *frozen party* bank accounts.

Shake-up shifts power to the republics

From Our Own Correspondent in Moscow

THE Soviet government apparatus, described yesterday as an "ungovernable monster" by a former member of its hierarchy, is to be subject to thorough reorganisation and extensive staff cuts. Besides the 80 central ministries and departments whose demise was announced at the end of last week, the changes affect such pillars of the Soviet establishment as the foreign and interior ministries and most manifestations of the *military-industrial* complex.

The changes were presented by officials yesterday after Monday's meeting of the State *Council. All were keen to* stress the revolutionary nature of the changes and the decentralisation of government functions to the republics.

According to Boris *Pankin,* the foreign minister, his ministry has accepted that it must lose up to one-third of its staff. Foreign policy will be co-ordinated by a council comprising foreign ministers from the republics, chaired by the Soviet foreign minister, and republics will be allocated posts in foreign missions. Mr Pankin said a representative of the Russian foreign ministry would be allocated a senior post *in the* Soviet embassy in Washington.

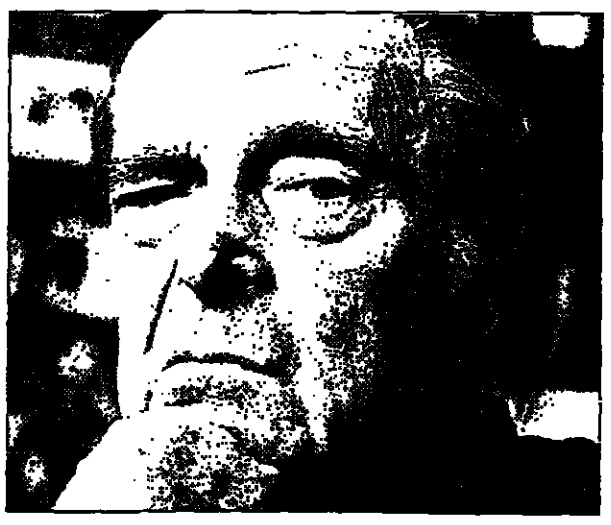
The Soviet *trade offices* which functioned alongside embassies in many foreign capitals are to be closed down, as is the ministry of foreign trade. *Soviet* embassies will in future have commercial departments and trade attachés on the Western model. Enterprises will organise their own relations with foreign firms.

Similar losses will affect the interior ministry, as many functions are devolved to the republics, and the proposed reforms in the armed forces, which include phasing out conscription and making more training republic-based, *are to be speeded up.*

Arkadi Volsky, the member *of the inter-republic economic* committee responsible for the military-industrial complex, confirmed that ministries and branch ministries dealing with the military industry were among the 80 to be disbanded *on November 15. He said* that this would leave no single, central authority administering the vast Soviet weapons empire, and that defence-related enterprises would have to trade in future on the same basis as other enterprises.

While officials *emphasised* the decentralising and democratic nature of the changes, however, doubts arose about *the soundness of preparations* for the changes and how far *the dismantling of the centre* would really go. No official was able to estimate the number of people likely to be made redundant as a result of the changes, although a figure of 36,000 was mentioned.

Tsarists hail the return of Romanov grand duke



Grand Duke Vladimir: his admirers are torn between excitement and disappointment

From Bruce Clark in St Petersburg

THE Romanov dynasty's *most loyal subjects wrapped* their Soviet bodies in the splendid uniforms of tsarist officers yesterday and waited in the chilly drabness of Leningrad airport — as most signs still call it — for the head of the family to come home.

When Grand Duke Vladimir Kirillovich arrived on a charter flight and was hustled away for a carefully scripted visit to the land of his royal forebears, his most devoted admirers were torn between excitement at his presence and disappointment that he is not, as yet, reclaiming the throne. "It does not please me that he is coming as a private citizen, like a tourist," confessed *Gennadi Shumko, a pompous* young man in a dark suit and bow tie who had come from Voronezh to represent that industrial city's recently opened monarchist chapter. "I would prefer the visit to have been arranged at a higher level."

The 74-year-old heir to the imperial throne technically has been invited by the Union of Compatriots, a body which — at the behest of Boris Yeltsin's republican government — urges prominent Russian émigrés to reinvolve themselves with their mother country. However, he is entering a political minefield by arriving amid the controversial festivities arranged for to*morrow — the anniversary of* the Bolshevik revolution — by Anatoli Sobchak, the mayor, in supposed celebration of St Petersburg's recent reversion to its historic name.

Aleksander Belayev, the city council chairman, has given a warning that there is a real danger of street clashes, involving liberals who have threatened to disrupt the municipal pageant with a "march of lamentation" for bolshevism's victims, and possibly orthodox Communists who want old-style commemoration of the day.

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IN MEMORY of

- 4000 young male Sikhs systematically beaten unconcious and burnt alive in front of mothers, *wives and daughters in the first week of November* 1984.
- It is common knowledge that police stood by and watched the carnage; indeed many participated. It is *also generally accepted that two senior* government ministers were actively involved in inciting the riots (The Times 30.10.89).
- To date not one of the culprits has been brought to justice.
- Todey, 7 years on, the genocide against the Sikhs continues unabated in the worlds largest 'democracy' - despite condemnation by Amnesty International and the *United Nations* Human Rights Committee.

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Celebrating the creativity of the noisy nihilists

Did the punk rock phenomenon run out of anarchic energy 15 years ago? **Matthew d'Ancona** examines the evidence that its legacy of brash rebellion still exercises a strong influence on British culture

Fifteen years after punk rock left its grubby thumbprint upon British culture, a revival of sorts is underway. Exotically named bands such as X-Ray Spex, the UK Subs, Sham 69 and the Buzzcocks are once again playing their jagged, energetic style of music to a new crop of uncouth adolescents. Books on the punk era are being published, festivals planned and compilation records released to cash in on the anticipated wave of nostalgia.

Punk was a bizarre, menacing cocktail of avant-garde art, pat anarchist slogans and English eccentricity straight out of the work of Edith Sitwell. It caught fire as a movement because it followed a period of stagnation in British popular music, but also because it appealed to the most basic instincts of youth more directly than any fashion before or since, rejecting all forms of orthodoxy on any grounds available. It was a good noise, too.

But should it be exhumed? For the artist and designer Jamie Reid, the man who defined punk's visual character and earned eternal notoriety by putting a safety pin through the Queen's lip on a record cover, the renewed interest is merely a distraction from present concerns. "There's a tremendous tendency in Britain to label people," he says. "I'll forever be Jamie Reid who did the Sex Pistols. Abroad, that's not a problem, because there they see that my work goes through from the mid-Sixties up till now."

A retrospective of Reid's painting and graphic design has just opened at the 051 Media Centre in Liverpool and provides a rare opportunity to appraise the career of an influential artist who has, in his own words, "run into enormous problems with the art establishment". Reid's parodies of consumerism and media language, from his beginnings as a Croydon *agent provocateur* to the designs he created for the Sex Pistols, are as arresting as ever. More startling, however, is the sheer eclecticism of theme and technique which emerges in his lesser-known canvas work, and particularly the recent *Celtic Surveyor* series and the *Leaving the 20th Century* project, which he undertookin the early 80s. The exhibition fully justifies substantiates Reid's claim to be a multi-media artist "with punk rock written on my forehead".

Sid Vicious: icon of punk

"A lot of my new work is to do with the esoteric and spiritual," he says."The more you travel, study and work, the more you realise that there's a strange universalism which we deny. The other thing is that I was brought up a druid – my great uncle was head of the order."

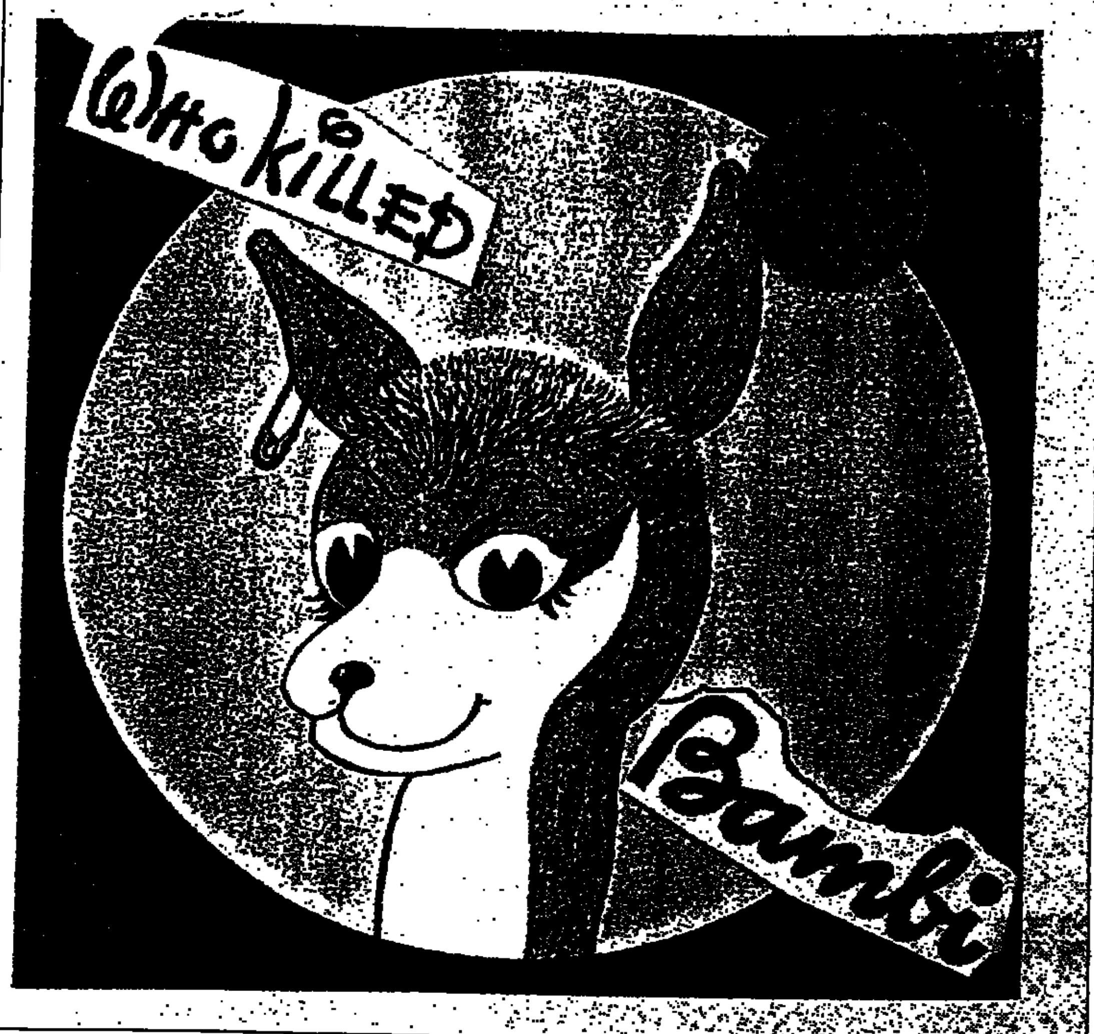
On canvas, the result of this new mysticism is an often haunting blend of the figurative and abstract: William Blake via Jackson Pollock.

Not that Reid has disowned punk. He remains enthusiastic about its spirit and the unforeseen achievements of its international diaspora. "Punk had effects on culture in the rest of the world. The classic example is Algeria, where it brought about a whole change in attitudes to women and teenagers." In Czechoslovakia, too, punk has become a form of cultural resistance to the resurgent fascism of the skinhead movement.

Far more interesting than the commercial revival is the creative legacy which Reid typifies, the spirit of independence and possibility which outlived the safety pins and ripped clothing. Vivienne Westwood may be Designer of the Year, but she has surrendered none of the originality – and confidence in her own excellence – that helped the Sex Pistols look so uncompromisingly different.

Her former partner, Malcolm McLaren, is currently working on a Christmas special about Oxford Street for Channel 4, a project conceived in his art school days with Jamie Reid. Since the Pistols split up, McLaren has often been dismissed as a charlatan and an artistic butterfly. But he will not go away.

Jon Savage, who wrote for the music press through the late Seventies, thinks that the time is right for members of his generation to assess the significance of punk's brash philosophy and what it bequeathed to them. His new book, *England's Dreaming*, is a monumental survey of punk and "its new shock aesthetic", and has a good claim to be the definitive work on the subject.



Parodies of consumerism and media language: artwork for *Who Killed Bambi*, by Jamie Reid

"Punk had a kind of purity, which said, 'We know how we feel'. That's a very powerful statement, particularly in a country like England," Savage argues. "It is to do with a kind of anger, a wish to express ourselves."

England's Dreaming is an absorbing and rigorous book which tells a remarkable tale. The artistic and theoretical currents which flowed into the melting pot of punk are explored with a sure hand, but the zest of Savage's writing lies in the sympathetic attention he pays to the human consequences of the movement. The book does much to explain the inspirational character of punk, the twitchy hand it held out to those who wanted to create and protest but did not know how.

"Punk had an approach that has not been equalled since. It really said you could get up and do it," says the American writer David Holden, whose short stories were recently published by Bloomsbury. Holden's band, The Nuisance, fizzled out after a few gigs, but the muse had already struck. "No one seemed to be interested in my singing ability, so I thought I would write. And I did."

This is the curious paradox of punk. It celebrated negativity and disenchantment; it promised "no fun" and "no future". Yet from its nihilism came an extraordinary burst of creativity and a legacy which is still unfolding. Jamie Reid detects some of its grit in the Liverpool 051 Centre which is exhibiting his work. "I do not think there is a degree in here. It is run by people who probably left school at 16 and found their way into art and film and music and dance. It is part of the whole rebirth of Liverpool, this place. You would not believe what it is going to be like by the end of the century."

The punk revival is unlikely to add up to much more than nostalgia and a useful opportunity to look back on a significant cultural movement. But this is as it should be. More than clothes and cacophonous music, punk was about the rage of ordinary people to find a voice and it performed its task with glorious ferocity.

The original punk movement was deliberately ephemeral, out to shock and then disappear. Such moments do not repeat themselves; only rarely is mere anarchy loosed upon the world.

● *Jamie Reid's exhibition is at the 051 Media Centre, Mount Pleasant, opposite the Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool (051-709 9508) until December 7, Monday to Saturday 11am-6pm; admission free.* England's Dreaming: Sex Pistols and Punk Rock, *by Jon Savage, is published by Faber (hardback, £17.50).*

BRIEFING

Sergei collected

IMPROBABLE as it sounds, south London is the new world centre of Sergei Prokofiev research. In his centenary year the Soviet composer is to have a permanent archive at Goldsmiths' College devoted to his life and music. Meanwhile, at nearby Blackheath Concert Halls, a series of Prokofiev concerts is inaugurated on November 26 by the pianist Boris Berman. The Prokofiev Foundation is being launched by the composer's son Oleg, with funds left by Prokofiev's widow, who died in 1989.

Ton of laughs

AFTER 88 years in showbusiness, the comedian George Burns has signed a five-year contract with the Las Vegas Riviera Hotel and Casino. This will take him to his 100th birthday, which he says he plans to celebrate by playing the London Palladium. He has just published a new book, *Wisdom of the 90s*.

Last chance...

ALEX Jennings's Richard may be less the mercurial charmer and volatile wimp created by Shakespeare, more the bold young man reported by history to have ridden out and confronted Wat Tyler. Ron Daniels's production may be a bit martial and forbidding in tone and style. But the RSC's *Richard II* holds the attention throughout. Last performances at the Barbican (071-638 8891) tonight, and tomorrow, matinee and evening.

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New angles on the Saxons

Joseph Williams sets the scene for the British Museum's magnificent exhibition of Anglo Saxon culture

We all know what Anglo Saxon means. Or do we? How much Viking, Celtic and Norman blood flows in our veins? How did a bunch of marauding Germanic heathens become the ancestors of the English? Answers are available in Bloomsbury from Friday. Marauding scholars at the British Museum and British Library have raided churches and museums in England and abroad to amass the most comprehensive exhibition ever staged on Anglo Saxon art and culture.

Their hoard would make the Vikings envious: the Lindisfarne Gospels, the only surviving text of *Beowulf*, the Alfred Jewel, the York Helmet (recently discovered) and sculpture, metalwork and coins. The Vatican, which rarely lends, has contributed a rare manuscript. And some exhibits, such as the Bowleaze Jewel, discovered last year at the foot of a cliff, have never been seen in public.

Throwing light on the dark ages is essential for understanding modern Britain. Our appreciation is befogged by legend: dragon-slaying heros roaming windswept moors and feasting in great halls, and so on. But the reality is just as awe inspiring. After the collapse of Roman Britain, and two centuries of tribal killings, it fell to our Anglo-Saxon settlers not just to develop, but to *invent* society. Everything was new – reading, writing, education, law, Christianity, history itself.

This superb exhibition suggests this sense of new invention. Here is the oldest piece of writing by an Englishman: the charter of King Hlothere. We find the only copy of *Beowulf*, the oldest royal genealogy, the earliest Anglo Saxon legal text, and the writings of Bede, our first historian.

This was England's first renaissance. From the arrival in 597 of St Augustine – the papal missionary bringing Christianity to the pagan masses – to Alfred the Great's death in 899, cataclysmic changes took place on a scale rivalling the Norman invasion. Before Augustine, no English school taught Latin. By the eighth century, our schools were the best in Europe, our polymaths were sought throughout Europe.

We trembled as we saw the prows of Viking long-ships assaulting our eastern coast. But even the Danes did not halt Alfred's age of enlightenment: promoting education, civil service and defence. The collection hints at a forgotten heritage, but also shows how people lived in the dark ages. Bede hit the mark when he compared life to the brief flight of a sparrow flitting across a fire-lit hall into dark winter.

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Yet the sense of Arthurian magic persists. The craftsmanship is a charm in itself: the pearshaped gold Alfred Jewel; the bewildering array of scenes carved into the sides of the eighth century Franks Casket. I would have preferred seeing fewer buckles, brooches and pins, and more of the clothes they fastened together, but the garments have rotted away.

The miracle is, however, that so much has survived, since what the Vikings left often fell to the ravages of time. Many artefacts have come from abroad, suggesting how many were looted or sold. Book-binding panels have been borrowed from Belgium, braid from Salzburg, manuscripts from Cologne, a decorative gold ring from Bologna – over 70 institutions have participated. British churches and museums from Scotland to Sussex have also loaned their treasures, which makes the spectator feel that the whole land is involved. With luck, we should lose the myths about the dark ages, but keep the legends.

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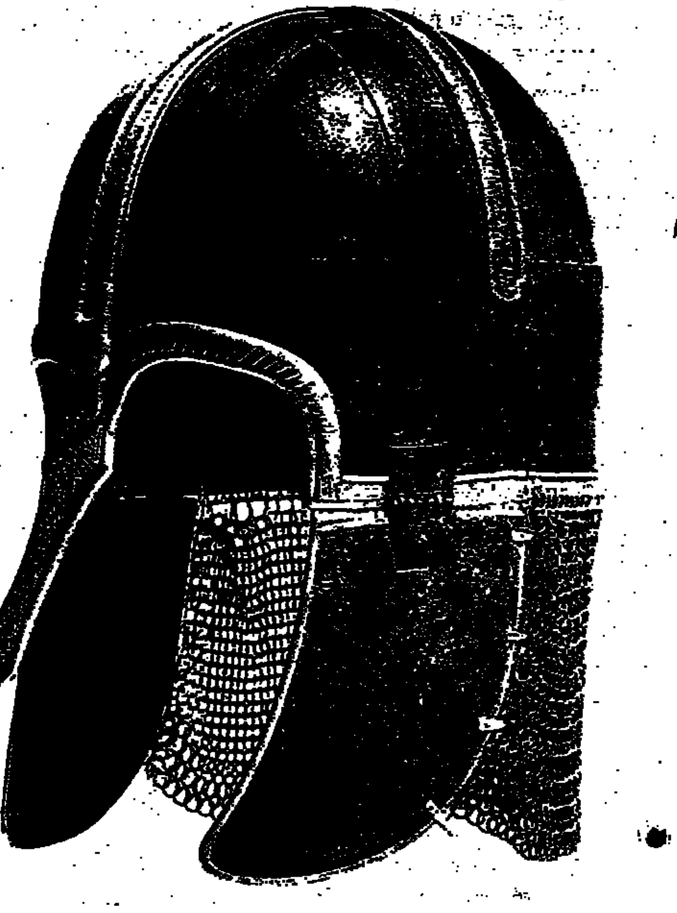

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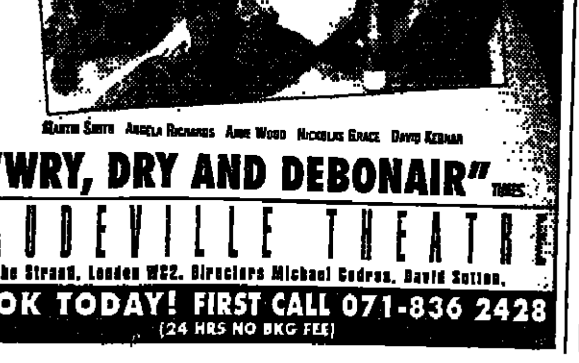
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Where men still club together

Many of the hurdles that prevent women reaching the top are in Mayfair, writes Alice Thomson

As John Major stood up to tell an audience of formidable women about his crusade for equal opportunities on their behalf last week, men around London were sinking back into their leather chairs or settling down to their spotted dick, secure in the belief that though they might have to share their offices with females, the sanctity of their gentlemen's club would never be assailed.

Of the eminent women who sat down to the Opportunity 2000 lunch only a handful have membership to the noble Mayfair clubs. The majority, if they have ever been admitted as a guest, will have been hustled through back doors, up different staircases and will be politely advised to steer clear of the bar.

'A club is a very prep school thing. There is drinking and pranks and it can be rowdy'

STEPHEN MARKESON

The smoking room at the Cavalry and Guards Club in Piccadilly, which has associate women members. Only two of London's better known clubs allow full membership for women

Mr Major said in his speech that the old-fashioned attitudes which limit top jobs to a cosy male club would do nothing but harm in the long run and asked his all-male cabinet colleagues to take a personal interest in promoting women. But the cosiest clubs of all must surely be those where membership includes leaders of industry, law, commerce and two-thirds of the cabinet, but hardly any women. Mr Major himself only joined a club — the MCC — after he became prime minister.

Barbara Rogers, Editor of the magazine *Everywoman*, and author of the book *Men Only*, a study of male institutions, says: "These organisations may be officially private but they wield an enormous influence over public life. Mr Major says he is trying to help women get into public life but he is not tackling how they get in. If we want more people in public office we must tackle the old boys' network that thrives in these clubs.

"Gentlemen's clubs are perfect places to impress business guests, discuss recent gossip, adjourn after meetings for an informal but informative chat and make contacts," Ms Rogers says. "Liberal men who blanche at any other form of apartheid will excuse the habits of their club by saying that membership is necessary for their job. But if it is necessary for their job, then a woman will never be able to take their place."

There is no law which prevents private clubs from choosing only male members and few of the clubs have ever addressed the problem of women. Only the Reform and the National Liberal among London's better known clubs offer full membership for women, although a number, such as the Carlton, allow associate membership. Most have sturdily resisted. Brooks's prohibits women before 6pm, while at the Beefsteak they can enjoy pre-theatre drinks but are banned from luncheon and dinner tables. At White's, the grandee of the London clubs, women are not allowed through the portals.

At the Athenaeum in Pall Mall, the club for academics and professionals, Sir Alcon Copisarow, chairman of the executive committee, says there is nothing in the rules to say that women cannot be admitted, although none ever have been. He believes strongly that it should be left to the members to decide whether they want women.

"People join clubs for the membership that is already there, so we have an obligation to let them decide whether they want their membership changed. A club is an extension of your home, and at home you can invite who you want. If members wanted women then we would introduce them.

"We had a referendum about eight years ago and we did not get the requisite two-thirds majority. If the mood has changed in the next few years, we may have another." He does not feel that women suffer on the business side: "I have never noticed any benefits other than social and educational at the club. You play bridge, you have musical evenings, you read the papers. It is a place to relax, not work."

Charlie Bishop has just joined the Turf Club and, at 24, is one of the youngest members of a gentlemen's club. "There are really three reasons why I decided to join my father's club. Firstly it has a close association, which I like to discuss. Secondly it provides the cheapest place for me to eat and drink in London. Last is the socio-economic reason. In my job, property, it is often a case of who you know, and clubs are one of the accepted environments where you will come across influential people."

Although Mr Bishop is not averse to female colleagues joining, he does not feel that club members should be forced into having women. "A club is a very prep school thing. There is drinking and pranks and it can be rowdy on occasions with judges sliding down bannisters. Its like a men's changing room: many men would feel inhibited if women were there. If clubs are forced to admit women, we could lose the congenial atmosphere. Men would look for somewhere else to socialise together." he says.

The journalist Francis Wheen joined the Reform in 1979 to help with the campaign to admit women but has since resigned and has turned his back on all clubs. He visited the Garrick recently, one of the few clubs which women have made a concerted effort to join but where they have been rebuffed. "I found it nauseating." he said. "It reeked of chappiness. I wanted to rush out onto the street to find a woman. The only club I hanker after is the University Women's club."

The Equal Opportunities Commission wants to see the exemption of private clubs removed from the sex discrimination act. Meanwhile, Christine Freshwater, chairman of the City Women's Network, and a partner at accountants Chantrey Vellacott, feels it is ridiculous that segregation still exists. Women's clubs, she says, cannot provide the business contacts that gentlemen's clubs do. "A mixed club would give everyone a broader scope. Not all women may want to use them but the opportunity should be there."

If women are to break through the so-called glass ceiling, the transparent barrier that appears to prevent them from reaching the top in public life, no doubt many would happily grasp that opportunity.

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Working is good for you

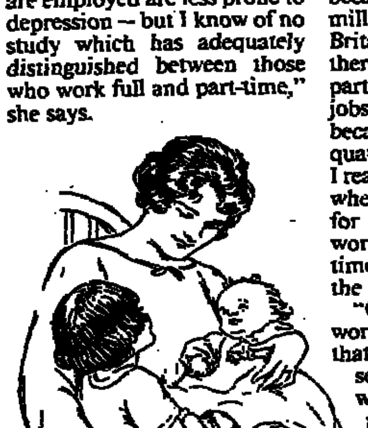
A new American study suggests that women with part-time work are less depressed than others and stay married longer

Frissons of fear must be rippling through the housewife belt in middle-class Middle America, where Mom and apple pie are considered sacred second only to God and country. For a leading American (woman) psychiatrist has concluded that women who work part-time outside the home are more likely to have happy marriages than traditional "homemakers" — or than those who have full-time jobs in the workplace. Furthermore, says Dr Jacqueline Olds of the Harvard Medical School in Massachusetts, married women who work part-time are likely to enjoy better mental health, and suffer less from depression, than the other categories of wives.

She had been troubled by the number of "traditional" marriages — that is, those with stay-at-home wives — which she saw breaking down, and the sad stories of lives that had grown apart that she was hearing from her patients. She was also intrigued by a women's magazine opinion poll of 30,000 American mothers in which "62 per cent said they would prefer working part-time, 8 per cent full-time and 25 per cent staying at home, when the reality was that 28 per cent worked part time, 39 per cent full-time and 34 per cent were at home."

So Dr Olds organised a pilot study to test her theory. Her survey of 30 middle-class families, each with at least one child under five, seemed to confirm her hypothesis that happiness is a part-time job. "Husbands of women who work full-time are used to seeing their wives delegate care of the children and therefore find it easier to delegate family responsibilities. But husbands of part-time workers participate more in the childrearing and these couples have a sense of a mutual project that binds them together."

British experts working in similar fields to Dr Olds are sceptical of her conclusions. Dr Christine Dean, senior lecturer in Psychiatry at Birmingham University and in clinical practice at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, has been trying to discover whether the acknowledged higher depression level among mothers of young children is due simply to being stuck at home; or to something in their genetic make-up; or to some element in the process of childbirth — using mothers with adopted children as a control group. "Women who are employed are less prone to depression — but I know of no study which has adequately distinguished between those who work full and part-time," she says.



Mother's pride: 62 per cent of American mothers want work

With no findings yet to report from her continuing study, Dr Dean says: "From my clinical experience, when women work part-time they usually earn less and don't make as satisfactory arrangements for substituting themselves at home as women who work full-time, so they're much more stressed. Also, the tendency is for women who work part-time to have to take on as much responsibility for the home and family as those who don't work at all."

A spokesman for the Equal Opportunities Commission points out that "they have only recently lost a judicial review to get the statutory rights of part-time workers reviewed". They still have no job security unless they work more than 16 hours a week for for the same employer, and have to work for the same employer for five years to have any rights if they work between eight and 16 hours a week. Until the rights of part-time workers are recognised, it looks as if that day will be a long time off."

Joanna Foster, chair of the commission, says: "Part-time work is one of our priorities, because we have almost five million part time workers in Britain and 90 per cent of them are women. But so much part-time work is dead-end jobs that women go into because they have no adequate childcare and no choice. I really look forward to the day when there is some real choice for both women and men to work flexibly, and when part-time work is not the bottom of the pile."

"Clearly, where part-time work is good, it gives us all that balance that everyone is seeking. At the moment women work so much part-time. But British men work the longest hours in Europe, so families are losing out on a father."

By a fortunate coincidence for Dr Olds, she and Dr Richard Schwartz, her husband, who was also involved in the survey, both work part-time. They have two children. "We practice what we preach," she says. She acknowledges that her study is only starting to ask the right questions — and does not have all the answers. Although it might seem logical for husbands with wives who work part-time to feel that the women could still handle the lion's share of childcare and domestic tasks, Dr Olds insists that — in her sample — this is not the case. She realises that 30 couples is too few to be statistically significant, but hopes that her work will lead to future, larger scale studies. She, too, would like to see not a fundamental change in the nature of men and women, but the availability of better opportunities for part-time work, for both sexes, that is challenging and well-paid.

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Most of our partners are anxious to race into ill-thought-out schemes turning us into a centrally governed, authoritarian, unitary state administered by unelected officials. We should not hesitate to use our veto to stop this stampede into unworkable absurdity. We should insist on no further integration until the Single European Act is honoured by all, followed by a decade of reflection.

There are supposed to be no subsidies: they are huge, and those for agriculture are not the largest. To his credit, Sir Leon Brittan has investigated some, such as the French subsidy for Groupe Bell, the Italian subsidy for reconstructing its trucking industry and the Belgian for its airline, Sabena. Some subsidies are disguised. In a well-researched and useful book, *Against a Federal Europe*, about to be published, William Cash MP details ways of evading the rules. For example, a company in his constituency trying to enter the German market found its main German competitor had been given a free generator by the local electricity board. In defiance of the rules, only 2 per cent of major public sector contracts are awarded over national boundaries. European firms can freely buy British companies. In France and Germany British firms are fiercely obstructed by government.

The Commission has evolved a strange and as yet unchallenged doctrine of subsidiarity. According to this Brussels can override local authorities whenever it wishes. Hence Mr Major's row with the Italian commissioner for the environment overruling British planning authorities. Hence, too, the planned Brussels directives about how our food and drink products should be made, named and packaged, even if they are entirely for British consumption. Searching through the pages of EC directive information I was staggered at the amount of pettifogging interference. The charms of our differing national habits are to be replaced with drab uniformity.

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Brian MacArthur assesses the turbulent Fleet Street career of a newspaper publisher and tycoon

Maxwell's paper chase

As a newspaper baron, Robert Maxwell started the way he meant to carry on. Just after midnight on July 13, 1984, with the ink still drying on his bargain buy of the *Daily Mirror* for a mere £113 million, he summoned the editor of the *Sunday Mirror*, Robert Edwards, from his bed, sent round the Rolls and stormed into the Mirror offices in High Holborn — where there was nobody to meet the new proprietor.

Seeing an open drinks cabinet in the office of the absent chief executive, he seized a whisky bottle and pronounced his first words as Britain's newest newspaper proprietor: "Anyone care for a drink?"

That entry into his new empire was characteristic of Maxwell's extrovert, swashbuckling style, which continued the next day when he took the Mirror editors to lunch at Claridges.

As soon as lunch was over, he announced not only that he would start a new London evening newspaper within two months, but also that he would add a million to the sale of the *Daily Mirror*, and that his Sunday papers would knock the *News of the World* off its perch as Britain's biggest selling Sunday paper.

Self-confidence and ambition were characteristic of the man, as he demonstrated that day when he threw down the gauntlet to Rupert Murdoch, the chief executive of News Group, which owns both *The Sun* and the *News of the World*.

The taunting spectre of Murdoch had haunted Maxwell for 16 years, since he first frustrated his ambition to become a newspaper proprietor in 1968. On that occasion, Maxwell lost the *News of the World* to Murdoch. Subsequently, Murdoch beat him to *The Sun* and then to *The Times* and *The Sunday Times*.

Now, as publisher of the *Daily Mirror*, Maxwell was determined to show that he could play Rupert Murdoch at the newspaper game and win. It was an ambition that was constantly and infuriatingly frustrated.

Sales are the harshest test of newspapers' success or failure. Under Maxwell's stewardship, sales of the *Daily Mirror* fell from 3.6 million to 2.9 million, a drop of 19 per cent. Sales of *The Sun* have also fallen by 10 per cent over the same period (from 4.1 million to 3.7 million). This leaves *The Sun* still more than a million ahead, although the gap is less if the Scottish stablemate of the *Mirror*, the *Daily Record*, is added to its sales. Over the past two years, moreover, both the *Daily Mirror* and the *Sunday Mirror* have narrowed the gap.

Meanwhile the *News of the World* has increased its sales to 4.9 million (up 4 per cent), while Maxwell's *Sunday Mirror* has lost nearly 800,000 and sales of *The People* have slumped by more than a million.

Journalists everywhere have puzzled over the enigma of Robert Maxwell and the disparity between his ambition and his achievement, his reach and his grasp — and today they will still be searching for insights into the soul of the man and what really made him tick. The very enigma, however, meant that he often failed to get the credit he deserved for some of his significant successes.

In many respects he lived up to the flamboyant reputation of some of the legendary newspaper barons, the Beaverbrooks and Northcliffes whom he so wished to emulate. He had the Rolls and the helicopter — and the fatal boat. There was the sheer physical size of the man, and his gargantuan appetite. And there were spectacular hirings and firings, and the big deals that he constantly announced but which often failed to live up to the advance publicity. Robert Maxwell became the first newspaper publisher of modern times to write signed leading articles and to allow — even to encourage — his papers to give prominence to his own activities. His principal newspaper sometimes became a medium of personal publicity.

Yet unlike the two most successful British mass-market newspaper publishers, Lord Rothermere (owner of the *Daily Mail* and *The Mail on Sunday*) and Rupert Murdoch, Maxwell did not have ink in his veins and never had a gut instinct for popular taste. When he eventually launched a London evening newspaper, he was outmanoeuvred by Lord Rothermere's *Evening Standard*, and whatever new stunts the *Daily Mirror* tried, however magnificent its Bingo prizes, it failed to dent *The Sun*. So far, too, *The European*, Maxwell's visionary concept of a pan-European weekly paper, has failed to achieve its targets.

But if Maxwell failed at the deepest level of his ambition, his achievements in Fleet Street were nevertheless significant. While Rupert Murdoch was still scorning newspaper colour, he saw the vision that Eddy Shah was offering at *Today* and ordered 21 German colour presses. In 1985 that was a bold move, but it took the Mirror group into colour well before *The Sun* and the *News of the World*. That bold decision has subsequently been vindicated.

So Maxwell was a man of big successes as well as big failures. Mirror Group Newspapers remains the second biggest group in Britain; it makes handsome profits, and Maxwell built one of the biggest media conglomerates in the world.

One big question to be resolved in the aftermath of Maxwell's tragic death is who will control the Mirror Group, particularly its political direction. There are few enough newspapers speaking for the Labour party, and the *Daily Mirror* has been the only mass-market paper that supports Labour. It is important for the health of British politics that it should continue to do so.

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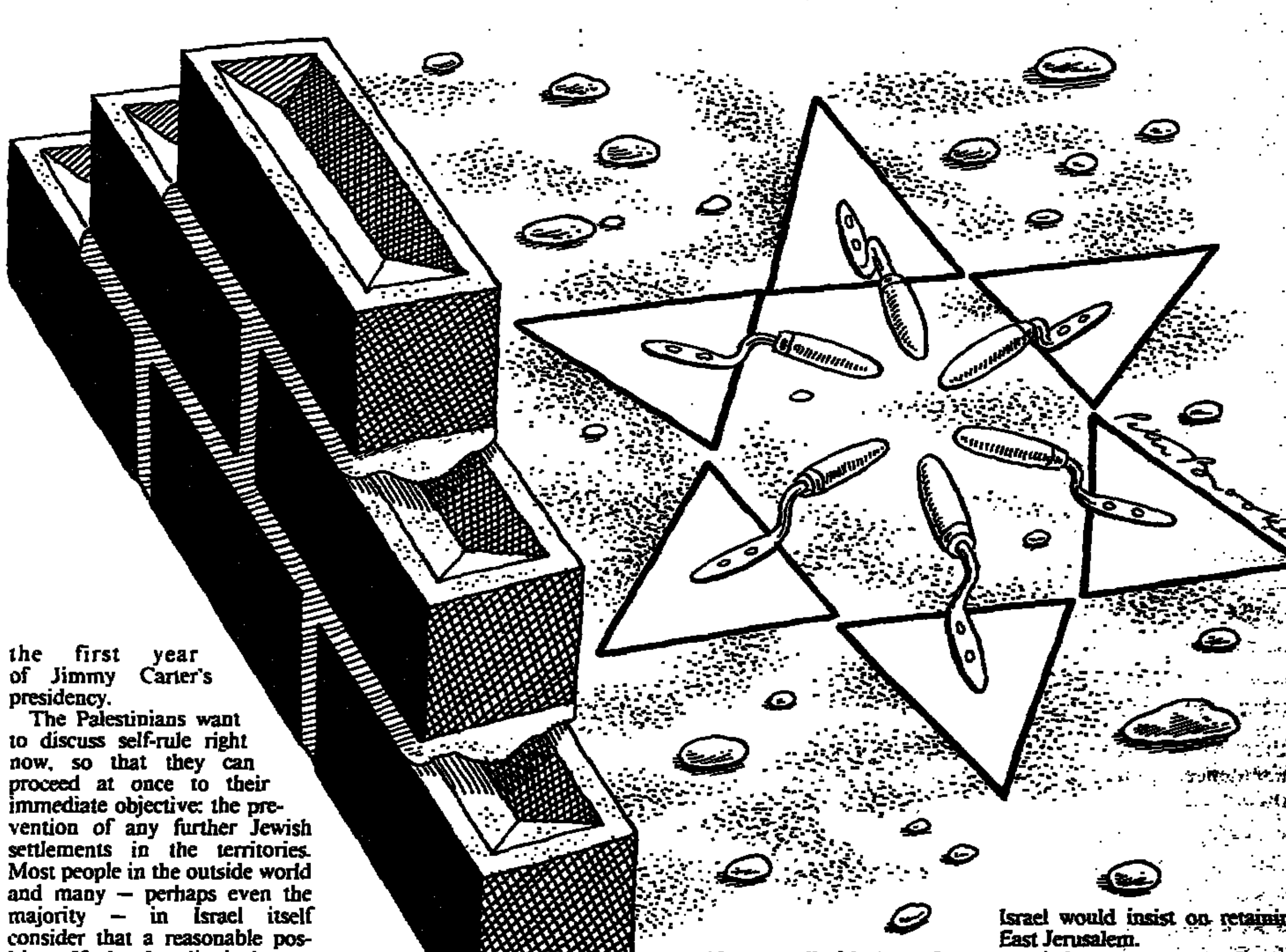
The Middle East talks defied the pessimists, says **Conor Cruise O'Brien**, but will not bring security



As the Middle East peace talks enter their critical second phase, the mood here in Washington is understandably upbeat. All the commentators seem to assume that the only problem is how to reach an agreement. That there might be serious difficulty in implementing whatever the negotiating teams might agree to is not a matter that has engaged anyone's attention.

Yet the peoples represented by the Israeli and Palestinian negotiating teams still hate and distrust one another. It is not long since Palestinian crowds were cheering the Iraqi Scud missiles on their way to Tel Aviv and Haifa. Feelings that go that deep are not likely to be banished by signatures on a piece of paper.

Because of the moderate character of the immediate Palestinian demands, there has been more progress at Madrid than was generally expected. It was the Syrians, not the Palestinians, who insisted that they must have territory in exchange for peace. Of course the Palestinians (in agreement with the Americans, and to some extent guided by them) did not abandon their commitment to "territory for peace", but they kept it in the background.

They are willing, and indeed eager to discuss self-rule for the disputed territories as an interim measure. As "self-rule" is a formula originally proposed by Israel — indeed by Likud — the Israeli team must take it seriously. As they do so, they will find themselves under heavier pressure from the Americans than any they have endured since the first year of Jimmy Carter's presidency.

The Palestinians want to discuss self-rule right now, so that they can proceed at once to their immediate objective: the prevention of any further Jewish settlements in the territories. Most people in the outside world and many — perhaps even the majority — in Israel itself consider that a reasonable position. If the Israelis insist on continuing their settlements irrespective of what happens to the talks, Washington will exert tough pressure on them to stop. And they will not be able to count on unequivocal support from American Jews on this point.

Tactically, Israel's best move would be to announce its willingness in principle to freeze the settlement programme, but only as part of a general agreement (however temporary others may consider it) in which Israel's interests are adequately safeguarded. This would be a big concession on Mr Shamir's part, and would keep him on the right side of the Americans. He would have to eat many of his own words and face opposition from within his own party, but Israel is in a tight spot just now, and some at least of his team will want him to appreciate the merits of such a move.

As long as Israel refuses to freeze the settlement programme, the Palestinians will remain united, but if the Israelis were to agree to a conditional freeze, the Palestinians would be caught in a cleft stick. If they failed to agree to the conditions, Israel would be free to resume settlement without serious objection from the Americans. On the other hand, if they accepted the conditions, which would necessarily fall short of the PLO's full demands, they would face serious internal trouble. Many of the Palestinians in Lebanon are already hostile to the talks, because their own homes are in Israel proper, not in the territories, and they see the latest talks as leaving them out in the cold.

Such an agreement also would be unacceptable to many Palestinians in the disputed territories, for the conditions would almost certainly leave Israel with its strategic frontier: the fortified escarpment along the Jordan, allowing the Israeli defence forces access across the West Bank. That in itself would be enough to damn the agreement in the eyes of many West Bankers. But in addition, Israel would insist on retaining East Jerusalem.

Existing settlements in the territories are unlikely to be uprooted (though no doubt there would be provision for a review of these matters after an interim period). Another condition of Israeli agreement to freeze new settlements, would doubtless be a moratorium on Palestinian pressure for the uprooting of those already established.

Together with a freeze on new Jewish settlements, the advantages of self-rule for most of the territories (as against Israeli military rule) might well induce a majority of the inhabitants to vote in favour of such a settlement in a referendum. But a large and exceedingly angry minority at the very least would regard the agreement as a betrayal, and its negotiators as collaborators deserving death. In these conditions self-rule would be a stormy business.

Syria's formidable influence in the region would almost certainly be exerted against the Palestinian negotiators of compromise. At present it looks as if the Palestinian side of the talks — driven on by the pace of new Jewish settlements on the West Bank — will proceed faster than the Syrian side. This means that agreement over self-rule in the territories could well be reached while Israel is still in possession of the Golan Heights. If so, Syria would certainly regard a Palestinian compromise as treachery which would have to be punished.

While Syria would contemplate a separate peace if it meant the return of the Golan Heights, it will not tolerate a separate peace by the Palestinians, and has already made known its displeasure at the Palestinian failure to insist at Madrid on the primacy of the principle of "territory for peace". Syrian anger against Israel and compliant Palestinians will have been increased by Israel's inauguration this week of a new settlement on the Golan Heights.

In moving against the compromise, Syria would be allied with many Palestinians in Lebanon. All this could fan an *intifada* which would be far more dangerous to those responsible for self-rule arrangements than the old *intifada* ever was to the government of Israel. In short, self-rule could be negotiated, and then fall in ruins on the very ground it was intended for.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, the National Security Adviser to Jimmy Carter, said over the weekend: "There will be a peace treaty . . . it could conceivably happen within a year." All the other comments I have seen are similarly bullish. I am sorry that I cannot share the prevailing optimism about the probability of a stable agreement between Israel and the Palestinians. What there may be is an agreement with some Palestinians, perhaps, for a time.

...and moreover

ALAN COREN

At the risk of boring you, I should like to point out that the risk of boring you is, as of yesterday, something to be incurred by you and not by me. If, in the course of today's meanderings, you should find your own attention wandering, it is not I who am in trouble, but you. Not you who am, of course, you who are, just as it would not be you who is if I had decided to write "I who is" just then, which I nearly did, because I have never been entirely happy with that construction, a grammatical confession I might well have made to you if I had been sitting next to you at dinner last night, and you couldn't have done anything about it then, either, eg write to your hostess and say "Thank you, that was a terrific steak-and-kidney pie, I only wish I could say the same for that bloody bore you put me with, why did he keep banging on about whether you should say 'the crowd was excited' or 'the crowd were excited', why the hell did you invite him, is he your bank manager or something?"

Because if you did, you might well find yourself up before the beak, whereupon a jury might equally well conclude that, when it comes to grammar, I is not boring at all, and I would then walk away from the High Court better-off to the tune of £50,000, which, by the way, is one of my favourite tunes, not to mention a joke I might have made before, but even if I have there is nothing you can do about it, there is no law stating a man can't make the same joke umpteen times. There is, however, a law which states if someone says the man is extremely boring for making it, the someone will soon be looking down the wrong end of Mr Justice Waterhouse.

It is a very good law, not just for *Coronation Street* megastars or newspaper columnists (many of whom will now be licking their chops at the prospect of a tax-free bob or two, thanks to readers incautious enough to put furious pen to paper, eg "Dear Editor, this morning I fell asleep over the corn flakes, due to the . . ."), but for all of us who would prefer to be bored than interested. Because it will encourage people who have nothing to say to go on saying it at great length, and I am all for that.

I really don't enjoy being stimulated. It is too much like hard work. You are called upon not only to concentrate on the stimulator, but also to stimulate back. For me, there is little more horrifying than to be introduced by my hostess to a Booker-prizewinning former Olympic sculler just back from the Matto Grosso where, thanks to his SAS training, he was able to go native in order to infiltrate the heroin trade and thereby determine the potentially cataclysmic effect that the intrusion of illicit airstrips is having on the rain forests, because I shall not only have to take all this on board, I shall have to take it on board while simultaneously wondering what, when he has finished his fascinating monologue (including an astonishing impression of an Amazonian Indian at stool), I am going to give him in return. He has probably long ago worked out whether the crowd is, or the crowd are. I am in the position of someone who knows the moment is coming when he has to buy his round of large Glenfiddichs and has only enough money on him to buy a small shandy.

But when the person next to you says "Well, I sell garden furniture, for my sins," or "I'm afraid I'm only a housewife," how the spirits lift! You know you are in for a good time.

You can stick the brain on automatic pilot and ping-pong happily as to why science has somehow failed to improve on the old canvas deckchair, or whether you should have a washing-machine that incorporates a tumble-drier and, if not, should you stand the tumble-drier on top of the washing machine or vice-versa, and pretty soon you have expanded onto major issues of the day, let's face it, the fox *is* a pest, have you thought what one terrorist bomb could do to the Channel tunnel, these franchise things are going to mean a lot more tatty game shows, isn't it strange how people have gone right off digital watches, my personal view is that photos on driving licences are just the thin end of the iceberg . . .

Tut, there I go, chattering on again. I do hope I'm not interesting you.

Theory and practice

ANY doubts that health minister Virginia Bottomley may have had that all is not well with the health service were reinforced on Monday night by some first-hand experience. During a packed meeting of Tory activists at the Roehampton Club, in in Putney, an elderly woman collapsed as the health minister was answering questions about the NHS reforms. Mrs Bottomley and Jeremy Hanley, the local Tory MP, immediately stopped the meeting to go to her side. Hanley, who is also health minister for northern Ireland, raced out of the room to dial 999 and summon an ambulance.

The meeting, under the auspices of the Blue Riband Register, an organisation for working Tory women, was then diverted to another room to continue the questions while a doctor from the audience tended the woman until an ambulance arrived. After about a quarter of an hour, a flustered Hanley reappeared. "How is the lady?" Mrs Bottomley asked him with genuine concern. "They took 10 minutes to answer the telephone call," Hanley complained in a voice scarcely able to conceal his exasperation.

"Delays unfortunately occur," said the London Ambulance Service, which is currently considering whether to apply for NHS trust status.

Penny Proctor, the Tory agent for the constituency, says: "It was very fortunate that Mrs Bottomley was addressing the meeting, because it meant there were doctors present." In the end the ambulance proved unnecessary. "But it was just as well there were qualifed personnel there, otherwise I'm not sure what would have happened."

THE TIMES DIARY

● *Lord King is famous at British Airways for eschewing gimmicky advertising. So staff were surprised to see him pictured leaping in the air in adverts for the Prince's Trust charity. The latest issue of* BA News *asked the chairman why he had broken with his customary image of a no-frills, no-nonsense businessman. "When Kensington Palace ask you to jump," he replied, "you jump."*

Quiet please

NOT usually one to shy away from publicity, Kenneth Baker was incandescent over the premature disclosure yesterday of the Home Office's annual spending plans, due to be formally announced by Norman Lamont today. The Home Secretary ordered an immediate enquiry to find out just how one of the most closely guarded secrets in Whitehall — an increase in spending on law and order — was leaked.

For once, a Whitehall enquiry had instant results. Suspicious minds at the Treasury suspected that Baker was trying to steal their thunder, but the Home Office says: "It was an administrative error by a junior official." The sheets of paper were simply given to journalists 24 hours early by mistake. ITN immediately ran the story. "The Home Office did not really expect us to give it back, did they?" asked a spokesman. Actually yes. A notice urging reporters not to publish the details until this afternoon was immediately put up in the Commons press gallery. Needless to say no one took any notice.

Flying the new flag

TRAVELLERS who have braved the horrors of Aeroflot can relax. The days of the monstrously uncomfortable Ilyushin and Tupolev, and the worst service anywhere in the sky, are numbered. Last week, Lithuanian Airlines took delivery of a Boeing 737, adorned in the new national colours. Dr Tony Ryan, chairman of Guinness Peat Aviation, who seems to have cornered the market in the Soviet Union's former satellite states, says: "The Baltics have good airline structures, but their Soviet equipment is not good. We are helping out."

You were last employed as an air hostess?
GED

Ryan has also set his eyes on Kazakhstan's airline after meeting President Nazarbayev at the Reform Club in London last week. "We are working out the routes which will generate hard currency." Even Western-style hostesses are promised, in place of Aeroflot's more matronly figures. "We are providing the crews until the airlines train their own staff," says Ryan.

Early bid

IS Meridian, the successful franchise bidder against TVS, about to take over the airwaves prematurely? The company is in the middle of a secret two-day visit to the TVS studios in Maidstone and Southampton, with a view to buying out the company in advance of the formal take over on January 1, 1993. Dianne Nelmes, a Meridian director, has been briefed to assess whether taking over TVS's studios is a viable proposition.

TVS has imposed a news blackout on the visit. But, burdened by heavy debt, it is determined to put on the style for its successors. The TVS helicopter, grounded the day the company lost the franchise, has this week been airborne again.

Morale is now so low at TVS that stress counselling has been offered to all 860 employees. But the hardest hit seems to be James Gatward, the former chief executive. His mortgage on a thatched cottage in the New Forest was linked to the TVS share price, which has plummeted from a high of 80p to just 5p this week. The property went on the market on Monday.

● *Opera producers are used to stars walking out — tantrums, after all, are part of the operatic image — but Wasfi Kani of Pimlico Opera, who is currently directing the lifers of Wormwood Scrubs' "D" block in Stephen Sondheim's* Sweeney Todd, *has had more problems than most. A baritone's appeal came up, and the court released him. Then a chorus member was transferred to another prison at a day's notice. "Putting on an opera is always fraught with difficulties," says Kani. "Trying to put one on in prison is enough to make you commit murder."*

QUIETING THE HOME FRONT

John Major's serious difficulties over Europe concern the substance of negotiations. Internal Conservative splits, this week's brouhaha notwithstanding, are much more tractable. The great majority of his party is likely to back any deal which he is able to recommend. But he does not yet know in which direction he will be leading it. It is impossible to say yet whether agreement will be reached at Maastricht in five weeks' time or what the terms will be. Consequently, recent newspaper polls of Tory backbench attitudes, suggesting that at least 30 to 40 would rebel, are largely meaningless. They have been conducted in a vacuum.

The government has clouded the picture by sending out apparently conflicting signals. Last March in Bonn, Mr Major sought to distance himself from Margaret Thatcher by talking of putting Britain at "the very heart of Europe". More recently, notably in his party conference speech in October, his drift has been more negative. This is partly a matter of negotiating tactics. It also reflects what Douglas Hurd yesterday described in The Hague as "the awkward but necessary role of Britain to ask the practical questions about the effect of a policy before it is agreed when others have been ready to sign first and ask after". British diplomacy has already succeeded in producing draft proposals on economic and monetary union which leave open whether Britain will eventually adopt a single currency. Even the sceptical Nigel Lawson believes that this deal is "at least something we could live with".

Britain's current negotiating position has the support of most Tory MPs. The community is divided over whether it should have a centralised foreign policy and a defence identity. The main sticking points concern the proposed extension of the Community's remit. As Mr Hurd has rightly warned, the British public is concerned about "overactivity" by the Brussels commission, and its insertion of its authority into "the nooks and crannies of everyday life". The cabinet is unanimously opposed to the involvement of Brussels in British social and employment policy, internal security, immigration and criminal justice.

The next steps will be Mr Major's meeting on Sunday with Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the conclave of EC foreign ministers at the end of next week. After these talks the government should have a much clearer idea of whether agreement will be possible at Maastricht. Mr Major has arranged a two-day Commons debate in two weeks' time to state his principles and to hear MPs' views.

Mr Major wants to ensure that whatever happens at Maastricht, he avoids banner headlines proclaiming "Major fails." If an agreement is reached along the lines of Britain's current negotiating position, Mr Major need not concern himself that there will be any serious Tory revolt. Once the whips have got to work on Tory MPs, it would be surprising if many more than two dozen openly voted against the government.

There is no danger to the government's majority, only embarrassing headlines about revolts. Some of the rebels may, of course, be famous ones, led perhaps by his predecessor herself. But, as Chris Patten, the Tory chairman, brutally remarked yesterday, the leading critics are MPs retiring at the next election who do not have to live with the electoral consequences of their actions. Mr Major does. But he might view with a certain equanimity the prospect of being attacked by Mrs Thatcher, slapping her down, and then proving in the aftermath that the party backs him, not her.

If EC leaders fail to reach agreement at Maastricht and any later summit in December, Mr Major should be able to argue that he has negotiated in good faith to defend Britain's interests. No other party, especially the superficially more pro-European Labour party, could have done any better. The strongly pro-European Tory MPs could do little more than mutter.

The only way Mr Major can mishandle the political management is by failing to give a clear lead before Maastricht. That would confuse his party and risk maximising opposition after the summit. Most Tory MPs trust his judgment and are ready to respond to his lead. The test of his skills in the next few weeks will be his conduct of the negotiations themselves. By comparison, handling his party is a piece of cake.

SALMAN RUSHDIE'S CHOICE

Today a committee of supporters of Salman Rushdie will decide whether to hold a vigil next Monday in Central Hall, Westminster, to express solidarity with the author, who has lived under an Islamic death sentence for nearly three years. The proposed vigil takes place against the background of negotiations for the release of Terry Waite. Two days ago the vigil organisers met the Foreign Office minister Douglas Hogg. There was what diplomats like to call "a frank exchange of views". The Foreign Office thinks the vigil might provoke Beirut or Tehran who will assume it to be officially-inspired. The protesters think Britain should cut off links with Iran until the *fatwah* is lifted.

The separate ordeals which Mr Rushdie and Mr Waite have each undergone are not comparable, yet both are terrible. The most relevant difference is that Mr Rushdie still has some freedom of action. Mr Waite has none. It was open to Mr Rushdie to offer reconciliation by announcing his conversion to Islam a year ago, and by renouncing the paperback edition of *The Satanic Verses*. He thereby alienated many supporters, but he still defends his decision. Similarly, he is now free to choose whether the vigil should go ahead, following the foreign office discussions.

The vigil is intended to be a very public event, at which a declaration signed by 1,000 prominent people will be unveiled. There will be newspaper advertisements on Mr Rushdie's behalf. A similar event will take place simultaneously in America. The aim is to put pressure on the government, echoing Jill Morrell's campaign for John McCarthy.

The McCarthy campaign demanded a conciliatory approach to the hostage-takers. The Rushdie campaign wants a tougher line taken with Tehran. The captors of Terry Waite are thought to be interested in the Rushdie case. When the author appeared in public six weeks ago to receive an award from the Writers' Guild of Great Britain, Sayyed Husain Musawi, a Hezbollah leader, protested. Yet the release of Jack Mann eventually went ahead. The Rushdie vigil may or may not affect Mr Waite's prospects of release. But given that the consequences for Mr Waite are unknown, Mr Rushdie must ask himself what he can reasonably expect to gain from the vigil.

The sense of danger with which he lives may have diminished with the passage of time, but every so often he is reminded of the threat. When the exiled former Iranian prime minister, Shapour Bakhtiar, was murdered in Paris recently, all who care for Mr Rushdie will have feared for his safety. If he thinks that a mass vigil will cause the foreign office more vigorously to pursue his plight, then he is entitled to go ahead. At the same time, he must weigh whether a mass vigil might make him less, not more, secure. Publicity was Mr McCarthy's ally, but it is far less clear that Mr Rushdie will gain from being kept in the public eye.

His supporters are no less entitled to take part in the vigil than the Muslims who demonstrated against Mr Rushdie. Within the law, all who live in Britain have the right to express themselves freely. The desire to express solidarity with his plight and to rally world opinion is laudable. But Mr Rushdie himself does not only insist on his rights; he acknowledges a duty to other Muslims.

The decision is Mr Rushdie's; but the Foreign Office cannot simply abdicate its responsibilities. Rightly or wrongly, Mr Rushdie's supporters doubt that it is pursuing his cause with sufficient dedication. Rightly or wrongly, they fear his plight is taking second place to its wider Middle Eastern designs. If the Foreign Office is to persuade his supporters to abandon their demonstration, it must itself demonstrate that it is prepared, in its dealings with Iran, to show greater vigour on his behalf.

CABBAGES AND KINGS

There is much talk of cabbages in Russia these days. Yesterday the conversation turned to the loftier theme of kings, as Grand Duke Vladimir Kirillovich set foot in his ancestral land for the first time. The Grand Duke is one of those rare beings, a man to whom doubt is unknown. His belief in the destiny of the Russian monarchy wavered neither under Stalin, nor Brezhnev. Since the death in 1938 of his father, a first cousin of Nicholas II, the head of the house of Romanov has lived as a tsar in waiting, rigidly attached to all the religious and dynastic conventions swept away in 1917.

At 74, this singular optimist glimpses his hour at last. While the parades on Red Square celebrated the invincible triumph of communism, he was derided as a posturing relic of the past. But old ways and beliefs are resurfacing in Russia. Young people, intellectuals, would-be entrepreneurs, the growing body of Russian Orthodox believers share nostalgia for an age gilded by the simple fact of not being communist. Sacks of letters and a growing stream of visitors arrive at the Grand Duke's French mansions. His views and activities are reverently sought out and published in the Soviet press.

Now he has returned to St Petersburg, a city that again bears his ancestor's name. Young Russians are donning the uniforms of the White Guard in his honour, amid fanciful speculation that Russia has come full circle and a tsar may yet sit once more on the Russian throne. All this provides some much needed gaiety in Russian life. It reflects widespread yearning for a national figurehead. But few imagine that a restoration of the monarchy is practical politics.

The Grand Duke, like other East European kings and claimants, talks of the need for a neutral, non-political "umpire" who would symbolise national continuity. The complete rejection of communism and the popular identification of the tsar with Russian history, religion and culture might seem to reinforce his case. But a restored monarch could easily become the captive of monarchist factions, the symbol of Russian Orthodoxy in a multi-national and multicultural state, the rallying point for old Russian imperialism.

Sensibly, Grand Duke Vladimir insists that his is a personal, if hardly private, visit. Less sensibly, he insists that should the people call, he would claim a greater political role as monarch than that accorded to Juan Carlos when he returned to Spain. He is sure to win many hearts, but that does not mean that the throne awaits. The Grand Duke, now free to return to Russia, could best serve his people as a respected civilian, much as Otto Habsburg has helped Hungary in its transition to democracy. He has some baggage to shed first.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Women at work: guilt, abilities, rewards, equality and discrimination

From Dr Helen E. Mason

Sir, I have waited for over 20 years to read what you have written in your leading article, "Helping women to work" (October 29). Could it be that women will no longer have to apologise for working part-time and for wanting to spend time with their children?

Women like me feel constantly guilty. Housewives accuse us of neglecting our children and the establishment accuses us of lack of commitment. What we really need is support, encouragement and understanding. I am lucky, I have always had this from my husband, my family and my work colleagues.

What we also need is practical help, such as that outlined in your charter for women (October 28) and your leading article. One single action on the part of employers would have an immediate and lasting effect on the situation. That is to allow reasonable promotion prospects for part-time employees.

This would enable many women to achieve the status and respect which they so often sadly lack. Women, particularly those with families, are very capable of taking responsibility, working hard and making decisions. They should not be penalised for also taking parenthood as a serious commitment.

I challenge the large companies and the government to change their regulations relating to part-time employment and to allow women the opportunity to show what they are made of. This is not positive discrimination, which we in the UK are so suspicious of; it is equal opportunities, which we claim we already have.

Yours etc.,
HELEN E. MASON,
University of Cambridge,
Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics,
Silver Street, Cambridge.
October 30.

From Mr Jim Lester, MP for Broxtowe (Conservative)

Sir, *The Times*'s charter for women sets the stage for a long overdue debate. However, the last two items, tax allowances for women looking after children and elderly relatives, and tax relief for low-income families, overlook the limitations of income tax reliefs.

Tax allowances for the millions of women whose incomes are too low to pay tax would be useless. Mothers, particularly those with young children, tend to earn less than the £63 a week (married women) or £96 a week (lone mothers) that is already tax free.

A more effective way to help them would be to replace income tax allowances with basic incomes. This is the solution proposed over many years by my late colleague, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams. Basic incomes are fixed-amount deductions, against income tax, which convert automatically into cash payments for people whose incomes are too low to pay tax.

This year basic incomes of £13 a week for every adult and £10 a week for every child would be revenue-neutral, without increasing the rate of income tax. Is this not the sort of platform (£33 a week for a mother with two children) your respondents are seeking?

Yours faithfully,
J. LESTER,
House of Commons.
October 31.

From Mrs Sheila Switzer

Sir, Why have there been so many expressions of surprise at the small number of women in top jobs in business, government and the professions? Most intelligent women regard the up-bringing of their children as the most important job they can have: they do not *want* to hand over the care of the children they have brought into the world to child minders who, however kind and devoted, have not got the same educational background as themselves. They are therefore simply not in the market for the top jobs.

Of course some women with children will have to support their families, and they should be helped by better opportunities for part-time work, flexible hours and so forth. But where that help requires the redistribution of taxpayers' money, it is much better that it should be channelled directly to helping them care for their own children rather than for the general provision of creches and collective child care. We have seen enough of what that led to in Eastern Europe and elsewhere.

Yours faithfully,
SHEILA SWITZER,
125 Long Road, Cambridge.
November 4.

From Mrs B. Boyall

Sir, I wonder how you correlate your charter for women with the views expressed in your leader on teachers' pay (October 26) in which you clearly imply that people who combine a career in teaching with child-raising do not need to be rewarded at the same rate as colleagues who have not had time out to have children. The implication was that the latter were in some way more "professional" than the former.

Length of service in teaching is, and should be, rewarded: but to use length of uninterrupted service as a criterion of "professionalism" is to do a great disservice to the thousands of committed teachers who are also mothers. Teaching is one of the few areas of employment where women have long enjoyed equal pay for equal work. Let's keep it that way.

Yours faithfully,
B. BOYALL,
4 Elm View, Huddersfield Road,
Halifax, West Yorkshire
October 29.

From Mrs Iris Hardy

Sir, Perhaps there are no women in Mr Major's cabinet because the men available to do the jobs just happen to have more ability. If Mr Major includes a woman in his cabinet now, will it be because she is the best person for the job, or just because she is a woman? How will we know? And how sad that with positive discrimination a woman will never be sure whether she has won promotion on ability or gender.

Yours faithfully,
IRIS HARDY,
Windrush, South Huish,
Nr Kingsbridge, Devon.

From Mrs Mary Baker

Sir, Professor Anthea Tinker's letter (October 31) on the care needs of elderly people is very apposite to the discussion on how to achieve the aims of the Opportunity 2000 campaign for "a better balance" of men and women in the workforce: an objective that we warmly support.

Recognising the numbers of men as well as women who can foresee the potential demands on their time because of the needs of an elderly dependent, Barclays Bank now offers a "responsibility break" (part-time working for up to six months for men and women with relatives in particularly difficult circumstances) as well as five days' emergency leave for carers to see a parent home from hospital or cope with other such urgent or traumatic family events.

This sort of recognition of men's and women's shared family responsibilities will be an increasingly useful adjunct to the movement to enable women to enjoy the satisfactions of paid work *and* their family, whether concurrently or consecutively.

Yours faithfully,
MARY BAKER (President),
Women in Management,
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October 31.

From Dr L. Phillipson

Sir, Thank you for your judicious comments on "Helping women to work" and I hope that *The Times* has policies to encourage women to seek and hold "top" positions within its own organisation. I would like to see you give more space in your paper to reporting women's events and achievements, particularly in your business and sports sections. I expect that many of us would be happy to forgo in exchange the pseudo-news of fashion reporting and so-called women's interests.

Yours faithfully,
LAUREL PHILLIPSON,
Elm Cottage, Madingley,
Cambridge.
November 1.

From Mr R. Bayliss

Sir, In the week of Opportunity 2000, the guest list for the prime minister's dinner in honour of the Centre for Policy Studies could be indicative of Whitehall's views on woman's role in society. If so, it suggests that recognition of equality of the sexes may well stretch into the next century.

On your Court page today you published the list. There are six assorted lords, 11 knights of the realm and 35 other male guests. Along with these 52 men we have the names of the three women guests.

In view of the occasion, perhaps this is a policy worthy of further study.

Yours faithfully,
R. BAYLISS,
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Hemel Hempstead, Hertfordshire.
November 1.

From Mr C. E. Iliffe

Sir, I must confess to a lapse into sex discrimination. As a chartered engineer I find myself invariably voting for any woman candidate for a place on the council of my professional institution, not because of her qualifications but because I feel that the profession could well benefit from a greater proportion of women engineers.

I was surprised, therefore, to see them omitted from the 30 "women in high places" whom you featured on October 28. Even the heading "Industry" confined itself to a finance director.

Yours faithfully,
C. E. ILIFFE,
Honey Cottage,
Woodbury Salterton, Devon.
October 30.

From Mr Graham Waggott

Sir, Did you notice that not one of the ladies in your list of high-position women is a "wealth" creator — say an engineer in the oil industry? By and large they are all spenders.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAM WAGGOTT,
Ridgeway House, Dormansland,
Lingfield, Surrey.
October 28.

Organic farming

From Mr H. R. Oliver-Bellasis

Sir, Gordon Angell (letter, October 26) identifies the crucial dilemma facing agriculture in Europe: do we use as little land as possible, farming very intensively, or in a period of surplus farm the same acres less hard? Like it or not, many of agriculture's customers feel uncomfortable with intensive methods. Science shows clearly that environment, from landscape to wildlife, suffers under intensive systems.

We badly need more production-based research into lower-input systems. Sadly our peers and leaders in the industry do not like the challenge to their apparent monopoly on wisdom, nor are they accustomed to admit that the industry might conceivably have been on the wrong road, so far as the environment is concerned for some years.

What should be done with, say, two million acres: who would pay, manage them properly and, more important, to what strategy?

Yours faithfully,
HUGH OLIVER-BELLASIS
Wootton House,
Wootton St Lawrence,
Basingstoke, Hampshire.

From Mr Christopher Stopes

Sir, Not all disease-resistance mechanisms in plants involve the production of toxic substances (Mr G. L. Angell's letter). Where they do there is no evidence to show that organically-grown crops have higher levels of these substances than those conventionally produced. Indeed, our research to date has shown no difference.

The supply of nitrogen in organic farming is primarily through the inclusion of N-fixing legumes in the crop rotation, not the application of manure. We have been monitoring nitrate leaching from organic farms over the past six years. Leaching rates are no higher, and often lower, than from conventionally farmed land.

The diversity of organic farming is preferable to the partitioning of intensively managed farmland from the rest of the countryside.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER STOPES
(Senior researcher),
Elm Farm Research Centre,
Hamstead Marshall,
Nr Newbury, Berkshire.

'Heap of the week'

From Mr Esmond Abraham

Sir, Readers of Marcus Binney's article on Hylands, Essex ("Heap of the week", October 26), who wish to know more about the house, may be interested to learn that his architectural history is derived from Pevsner's *Buildings of England* which ascribes the early and mid-19th century remodellings to William Atkinson and J. B. Papworth respectively, and that there is no evidence for these attributions — only stylistic judgment and speculation.

Also, that the restored Regency villa, which, he says, "has left the house with a series of large rooms on the ground floor . . . and a few rather small bedrooms above", is the same in area on each floor as that which belonged to the banker P. C. Labouchere, who happily lived and entertained in it for over 20 years until his death in 1839. And that my restoration scheme was supported by English Heritage, and was not opposed by the Georgian Group and the Victorian Society before receiving listed building consent.

Yours faithfully,
ESMOND ABRAHAM
(Chief architect),
Chelmsford Borough Council,
Civic Centre, Duke Street,
Chelmsford, Essex.

Water extraction

From Mr Timothy Jolly

Sir, Mr N. A. McMahon Turner (letter, October 29) is to be congratulated for the conservation work on his farm in Yorkshire. The problems he describes, low water tables and river flows, ponds and springs drying out, are being experienced in other parts of the country.

I wonder, however, if he has any evidence for his assumption that the "much more serious cause is the substantial extraction of water by borehole". There is a complex relationship between the drought, water abstraction, the water table and rivers and springs: a relationship that is not well understood and on which more investigation needs to be done.

Therefore it would be quite wrong to assume that the abstraction from boreholes is "the more serious cause" of current problems without a detailed knowledge of this complex relationship.

Water abstracted from boreholes forms an integral and substantial part of the nation's water supply. During this prolonged drought it will be necessary to steer a path that is sensitive to the needs both of the environment and of the public, agriculture and industry.

Yours faithfully,
TIMOTHY JOLLY,
Roudham Farm, Roudham,
East Harling, Norwich.
November 3.

From Dr D. M. Lawler

Sir, It is possible that Mr McMahon Turner, in planting "many thousands of hardwood trees" in the Vale of York, has contributed to the lowering of water tables in the area. Afforestation of previously unforested regions, largely because of attendant increases in photosynthetic water-usage and the interception of rainfall, commonly leads to substantial water-table depression and river-flow reductions.

There is now a wealth of published hydrological evidence, including the results of the Plynlimon experiment of the Institute of Hydrology, which demonstrates the generality of these effects.

Yours faithfully,
D. M. LAWLER,
The University of Birmingham,
School of Geography,
Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.
October 31.

Cashing in fast

From Mr Frank Wilson

Sir, Mr Ryman (letter, October 29) complained about the length of time it takes banks to make transfers between accounts. At TSB, transfers are carried out on the spot. By means of our computer system money can be moved from Inverness to Penzance at the touch of a button. There is no reason why banks cannot perform a straightforward cash transfer the same day.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK WILSON
(Marketing manager),
TSB Bank plc, Cannon House,
18 The Priory, Queensway,
Birmingham, West Midlands.

Delays in paying bills

From Mr Michael Smith

Sir, Mr Russell Stockdale (letter, October 31) complains of government delays in paying bills, a predicament with which I suspect most NHS dental practitioners will sympathise.

Since our new contract, introduced in October 1990, the delay in payment of fees by the Dental Practice Board, a government quango, has caused devastating problems for many practices. Requests for information are met with polite replies, their resources do not allow them to investigate delays. It is quite common to wait five or six months for money to which of course no interest has been added.

The concept of a patient's charter is highly commendable, but perhaps the government could examine its own record in dealing promptly with its responsibilities.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. SMITH,
Greyholme, Church Road,
Bishops Cleeve,
Gloucestershire.
November 1.

High-speed link

From the Secretary of State for Transport

Sir, In his article on the Channel tunnel high-speed link ("Mr Rifkind's signal failure", October 31) Mr Richard Hope expresses puzzlement as to the basis of my statement that British Rail's own judgment is that the capacity of the existing track to take a growing number of Channel tunnel travellers will not be exhausted until around 2005.

My statement was based on BR's own submission to the government in May on the choice of route for the new line.

On page 13 of its report, British Rail published a chart forecasting that the existing system would be able to continue to handle an increasing number of international passengers until about 2010. The government took the prudent view that capacity will be sufficient until around 2005.

Nowhere in their submission to the government did British Rail state that the new high-speed link would be needed in 1998 or 1999.

In any event, I have already made clear that the reference to 2005 was to when capacity will be exhausted. There has not been, contrary to the inference in Mr Hope's article, any decision to defer construction of the high-speed link until that date.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM RIFKIND,
Department of Transport,
2 Marsham Street, SW1.
November 1.

From Mr Aubrey Clayphan

Sir, Anyone who has taken the Calais to Paris autoroute recently cannot have failed to see the rapid advance of the new TGV line now only some 50 or so miles from Calais, and this in addition to the vast traffic terminal in an advanced state of construction.

The situation on this side of the Channel is pitiful.

Yours faithfully,
AUBREY CLAYPHAN,
Torridon,
Leigh, Worcester.
October 31.

Letters to the editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number — (071) 782 5046.

Bowled over

From Mr L. E. Peterson

Sir, I was driving home from work. It was windy, wet and miserable. The traffic was heavier than usual. Suddenly the sun came out, birds were singing, village church bells were pealing and butterflies flitted among the hedgerows. A voice on the radio had just informed me that ball-by-ball commentary was to continue on the BBC (report, November 2).

Yours faithfully,
L. E. PETERSON,
98 Elmcroft Avenue,
Wanstead, E11.
November 1.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 5: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

This afternoon The Queen, escorted by the Vice Chairman of Motability (the Lord Sterling of Plaistow), presented the 250,000th car adapted for a disabled person, and met representatives of manufacturers and dealers at Buckingham Palace.

The Right Hon John Major, MP, (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Mrs John Dugdale as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 5: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother this afternoon visited the Royal College of Music, of which Her Majesty is President, and presented Certificates to Fellows and Honorary Members and Awards to Senior Students.

Dame Frances Campbell-Preston and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 5: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Headway National Head Injuries Association, visited the Wolfson Rehabilitation Centre, SW20.

Wing Commander David Barton, RAF was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, English National Ballet, attended a performance and dinner at Kensington Palace, W8.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand President, St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, this afternoon visited the Headquarters, 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London, SW1.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 5: The Duke of Gloucester, President, the British Consultants Bureau, this morning was present at the Annual General Meeting at the Royal Air Force Club, 128 Piccadilly, London W1.

The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, National Listening Library, this afternoon attended the Annual General Meeting at Drapers' Hall, Thogmorton Avenue, London EC2.

Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 5: The Duchess of Kent, Colonel in Chief of the Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire, today received Colonel John King on *relinquishing command of the* Regiment.

Her Royal Highness this afternoon opened the Parkside Health Authority's new Medical Centre in Paddington, London W2 and this evening, Patron of the Cancer Relief Macmillan Fund, attended the Evening Preview of the Christmas Market, Horticultural New Hall, Vincent Square, London SW1.

Mrs Peter Troughton was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will visit Leicester City Football Club at 11.00 to see environmental work undertaken by the club; will visit the Post Office, St George's Way, at 12.35; and will visit Eco House, Western Park, Hinkley Road, at 1.45.

Princess Margaret will attend a reception and dinner at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, at 7.20 to mark the publication of *Hockney's Alphabet* in aid of the Aids Crisis Trust.

Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Royal Hussars, will attend a luncheon given by the trustees of the regiment at the Cavalry and Guards Club at 1.00 to mark her 90th birthday (December 25).

The Duchess of Gloucester will open Simon Whitbread House (the refurbished student nurses' home) at Bedford Hospital South Wing at 2.00; will open the Luton and South Bedfordshire Hospice, Great Bramingham, near Streatley, Bedfordshire, at 3.25; and, as Patron of Counsel and Care for the Elderly, will attend a reception at Church House at 6.30.

Baptism

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Graham Mather was baptised Alexander Richard Christopher at St Mary's Church, Chilton Foliat, on Sunday, November 3, by the Rev Canon Paul Bunday. The Godparents are Mrs John Wakeham, Miss Clare Lockhart-Mummery (for whom Hon Rosamund Lockhart-Mummery stood proxy), the Rev Dr Digby Anderson and Dr Nigel Saul.

Dinner

Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Mr David Coleman, President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, presided at a dinner held last night at 1 Lambeth High Street. The Hon William Waldegrave, Secretary of State for Health, also spoke. Among those present were:

Lord Carter, Lord Ennals, Baroness Cumberlege, Mr Gordon Oakes, MP, Sir Bryan Askew, Sir James Black, Mr Robert Nicholls, Mr Roger Sims, MP, Mr Bryan Hartley, Mr Jeremy Clitherow, Mr Gordon Hourston, Ms Sheila Kelly, Mr John Gilby, Mr David Godfrey, Dr Keith Jones, Mr W Glynn-Williams, Mr Peter Harrison, Mr Godfrey R Fowler, Mr Alan Crabbe and Mr Ron Irwin.

Territorial Army promotions

The Ministry of Defence announces the following Territorial Army promotions effected between July and September 1991.

MAJOR TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL: Lt Col D G Clarke TD RA, Lt Col N A Jones TD RRW, Lt Col J Larke TD, Lt Col G W C Newmarch R ANGLIAN, Lt Col I Ryan TD R IRISH, Lt Col D J Sanders RCT, Lt Col J R Thomson RA, Lt Col R M White TD INT CORPS.

CAPTAIN TO MAJOR: Maj RM Booker TD YORKS, Maj P K Brown TD RA, Maj P S Cameron RAMC, Maj S C Chapman TD RGJ, Maj S A Durant WESSEX, Maj K J Gill RAMC, Maj R W Harris RD RCT, Maj P M Huggett WRAC, Maj L J Jenkins QARANC, Maj A Knapton RAMC, Maj M J Lucas TD RSIGS, Maj T A Markwick RCT, Maj S Murphy QARANC, Maj A J Oliver TD RA, Maj M J Pether RAOC, Maj A U K Raja RAMC, *Maj M L Smith MBE RAOC*, Maj C C Tilshaw RAMC, Maj K J Young RAPC

LIEUTENANT TO CAPTAIN: Capt R P Agombar RA, Capt J P Ahern WFR, Capt C M Anthony QARANC, Capt C Brown QLR, Capt A C Bryson GEN LIST, Capt M P Caddell RAChd, Capt K M Calderwood QARANC, Capt P Campbell RSIGS, Capt D M Capstick QARANC, Capt P G Carder RE, Capt J Carney RAChd, Capt W J Collier RE, Capt L Craig RAMC, Capt J M Cullen RSIGS, Capt C M Davies WRAC, Capt T J Ellison GEN LIST, Capt A D Fairbanks Weston R ANGLIAN, Capt S Finn QARANC, Capt S J Fitzgerald RSIGS, Capt R J Galepain RPC, Capt I M Govier RAMC, Capt P J Gray RAMC, Capt D J *Hewitt* 52 LOWLAND, Capt *M E Hockedy* CHESHIRE, Capt G P Hope RAMC, Capt R P Jeynes WESSEX, Capt S E Jones QARANC, Capt P S Kane RA, Capt G J Kelly MBE RE, Capt P M Lawson RAMC, Capt P P Markham RAPC, Capt M E McKeown RAMC, Capt B P Morgan PARA, Capt S R Morris RADC, Capt I E Murray R Sigs, Capt J M Neil RAMC, Capt P R Nicholson INT CORPS, Capt D F Rawlings RAMC, Capt I R B Rose RAVC, Capt R C P Salvoni RSIGS, Capt H Snaith QARANC, Capt R M Somers RE, Capt G F Stanford RCT, Capt J R Stocks WRAC, Capt J I Tozer D and D, Capt H N Watson RE, Capt J P Webb RSIGS, Capt E F P Whitcomb 16 5L, Capt D C Wimbles YORKS, Capt P J Wotton CHESHIRE, Capt I Young AAC.

Birthdays today

Lord Avonside, 77; Dr J.P. Barber, pro-vice-chancellor and sub warden, Durham University, 60; Professor Lord Bauer, 76; Mr James T. Bowman, counter-tenor, 50; Mr Frank Carson, comedian, 65; Mr C.A. Christopher, trades unionist, 59; Mr K.B. Griffin, economist, 53; Mr Nigel Havers, actor, 40; Mr Bernat Klein, designer, 69; Mr Leonard Miall, research historian, 77; Mr David Montgomery, former editor, *Today*, 43; Admiral Sir Anthony Morton, 68; Mr Mike Nichols, film director, 60; Lieutenat-General Sir David Ramsbotham, 57; Professor Sir Martin Roth, psychiatrist, 74; Sir Oliver Scott, radio-biologist, 69; Major-General James Scott Elliot, 89; Sir George Sinclair, population and development adviser, 79; Sir John Smith, former chairman, Sports Council, 71; Mr M.T. Thyne, headmaster, Fettes College, 49; Sir Gordon Whitteridge, diplomat, 83.

Appointment

Mr David Burns to be head of the British Mission to the Supreme National Council at Phnom Penh, with the personal rank of ambassador.

English-Speaking Union

The Lord Mayor of Westminster attended the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth Art and Antiques Fair opened yesterday at Dartmouth House by Mr Tim Renton, Minister for the Arts. Lord Pym, chairman of the union, Lady Luce, deputy chairman, and Mrs Richard Chilton, chairman of the fair, received the guests. Members of the Diplomatic Corps were among others present.

Luncheons

English-Speaking Union

Lady Soames was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the South East region of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, held yesterday at Chartwell. Miss Margaret Thorne, chairman of the region, received the guests and Mr John Nevill, president, was in the chair. Mr Angus Douglass, chairman of the Tunbridge Wells branch, also spoke.

Royal Free Hospital School of Medicine

The Hon Nicholas Samuel and Professor Arie Zuckerman, dean, spoke at a luncheon at Skinner's Hall yesterday to launch the Royal Free Hospital Medical School's "Investment in Health" Appeal. Mr Melvyn Bragg also spoke. Professor Dame Margaret Turner-Warwick, President of the Royal College of Physicians, and Professor Godfrey Alderman, Chairman of the Academic Council of the University of *London were also present.* Other guests included:

The Rt Hon the Viscount Bearsted, Mr Peter Benton, the Hon L.H.L. Cohen, Mr John Connell, Dr David Cohen, Professor Stephen Frowen, Professor Irina Frowen, Mr Sam Hamad, Mr Brian Kerner, Lady Laing, Mr Vincent Lawton, Sir John Margetson, Dr Bruce MacGillivray, Dr Brian Mawhinney, MP, Mrs Simon Moores, Mr Lewis Moss, Mr Martin Paisner, the Hon Michael Samuel, Sir William Shapland, Mr Roger Sims, MP, Dr Richard Sykes, Mr Malcolm Thornton, MP, Mr Barry Townsley, Mrs Laura Wolfson Townsley, Lord Wyatt of Weeford, Mr William Wells and Mr John Woodhouse.

Service dinner

The Royal Hussars (PWO)

The Regimental Dinner of The Royal Hussars (PWO) was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major-General J.P.W. Friedberger, Colonel of the Regiment presided.

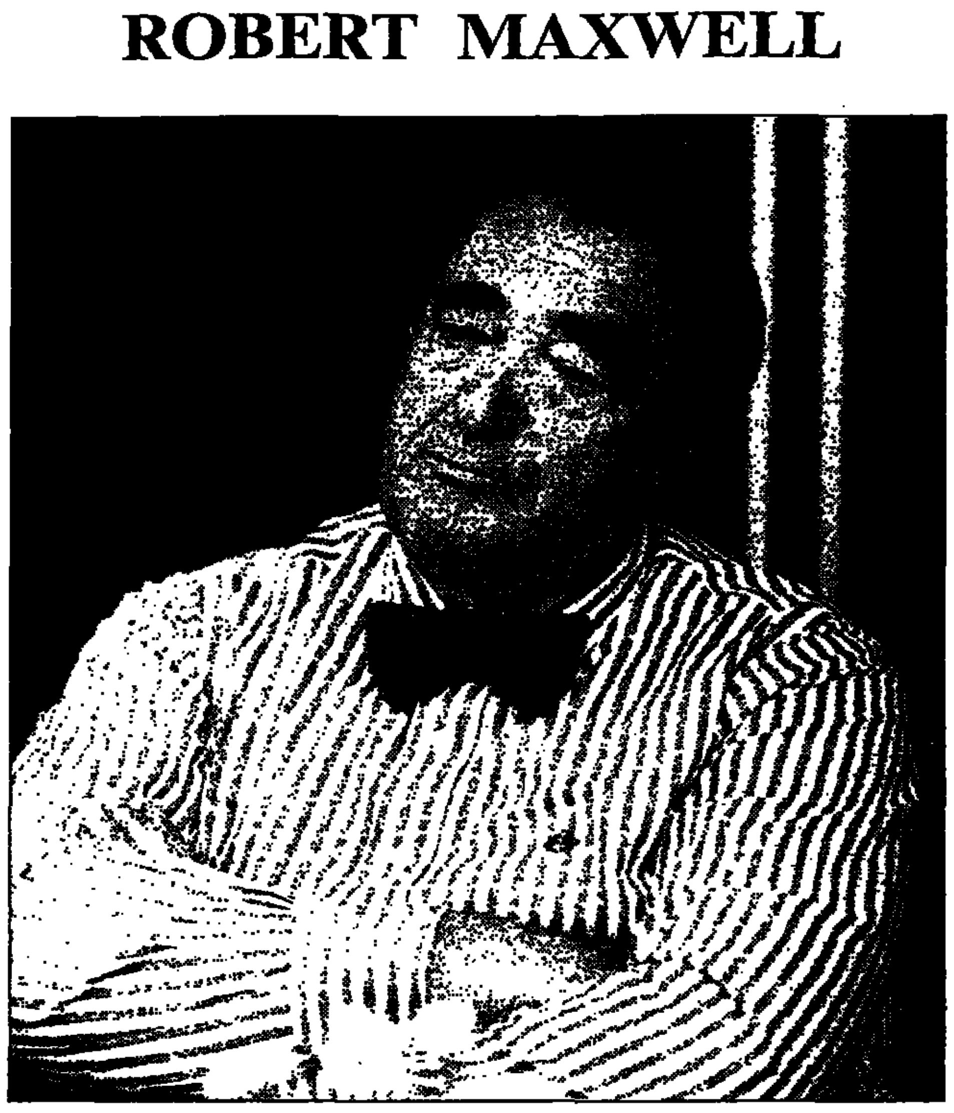
Service luncheon

2nd Infantry Division Dinner Club

The forty-first luncheon of the 2nd Infantry Division Dinner Club was held on Tuesday, November 5, 1991, at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Brigadier A.D.R.G. Wilson, CBE, presided. Commander 2nd Infantry Division, Major-General M.J.D. Walker, CBE, was present.

OBITUARIES

ROBERT MAXWELL



Robert Maxwell, MC, newspaper proprietor, has been found dead, after apparently falling overboard from his motor yacht in the Canaries, aged 68. He was born on June 10, 1923.

ROBERT Maxwell was one of the most turbulent and controversial entrepreneurs of his day. He never owned a pair of shoes until he was seven. When he died he owned newspapers, magazines, printing works, private jets, helicopters and the 190-ft yacht, *Lady Ghislaine*, from which he disappeared. He had owned two football clubs, Derby County and Oxford United, and just failed to own another, Tottenham Hotspur. Though there were emerging doubts about the fragility of his enterprises in view of the great debts he had accumulated, there was no doubt about the scale of his success. A socialist who *publicly admired Mrs Thatcher, he was often a* guest at Downing Street as well as being the host at the most expensive parties of Labour party conferences.

In eastern Europe, where he was born in extremely poor circumstances to an Orthodox Jewish family in what was once Czechoslovakia and then Hungary, he was regarded as one of the most powerful Englishmen of his time. The neo-Stalinist leaders, from Zhivkov to Honecker, welcomed him and he published their books at inordinate and flattering length. Later, as the new men took over, he claimed to be the trusted adviser of Gorbachev. A recent article in *Playboy* described him as one of the biggest "lords of the global village — that elite handful of individuals who control most of the world's media".

Maxwell always wanted to be a media baron. He failed to buy the *News of the World* and later the old *Sun*. In both cases he lost to Rupert Murdoch. *Later he tried unsuccessfully* for the London *Evening Standard*, *The Observer* and *The Times*. But his chance came at last in July 1984 when Reed International accepted his bid for the Mirror Group after saying that it would not be sold to a single bidder. On the night of the deal, around midnight, Maxwell strode into the *Mirror* building after being warned that his arrival would start a strike by journalists or printers or both. "If one copy is lost tonight I shall close the paper", he announced. Not a copy was lost. And he went on as he began, dominating executives, interfering with specialists, rewriting copy. Joe Haines the former Wilson press secretary who had told a union meeting that he would lead a walk-out if Maxwell arrived, became his leader-writer and biographer. Editors were changed, numbers of journalists and print workers were slimmed down, colour was introduced with remarkable success. Maxwell became one of the leading public figures of the 1980s.

His latter years were consumed by his desire to maintain control of his business interests until two of his sons, Ian and Kevin, were old enough to succeed him. But his attempts to establish himself beyond the narrow but highly profitable sector of scientific publishing were continually dogged by controversy.

Ian Robert Maxwell was the last of several names acquired during his wartime career. The facts of his early life are obscure but it appears that when he was born, in Slatinske Doly, a village in the Carpathian mountains on the Czech-Romanian border, he was named Abraham Lajbi Hoch. Those forenames were unacceptable to the Czech authorities and he was renamed Jan Ludvik. As the Nazis advanced eastward in 1939 he was sent to Budapest to evade anti-semitic restrictions. He arrived in France as part of the Czech Legion early the following year, sailing to Liverpool a few months later.

Arriving there with, as he was later to say: "a rifle in my hand and a desire to fight the Germans", in 1941 he volunteered for the Pioneer Corps. He claimed to have learned English in six weeks, adding to the several other languages he had collected at the *European crossroads where he grew up.* Throughout his life he demonstrated a remarkable fluency in languages, and this was a considerable asset in his international business dealings.

After two years he was accepted as a private into the North Staffordshire Regiment and his command of languages earned him recruitment to the battalion's intelligence section. His Czech name was changed to Leslie du Maurier, after the cigarette brand. Once he landed in France after D-Day, du Maurier's name was rapidly changed to Jones and finally became Maxwell. Equally quickly, he was promoted to second lieutenant and met Betty Meynard, his future wife, in Paris. Maxwell was transferred to the Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey), stationed in Brussels. On January 29, 1945, he led his platoon against a German defensive position, for which he was awarded the Military Cross. The medal was pinned on his chest by Montgomery and he married Betty in Paris on March 15.

In the immediate aftermath of war, Maxwell was employed interrogating Germans. In what became a turning point in his career, he was then appointed to the Public Relations and Information Services Control in Berlin, the branch of the Allied Control Commission responsible for licensing films, plays, books and newspapers. Maxwell's duties, which covered arranging paper supplies, editing and distribution, gave him a taste for publishing which was the foundation of his subsequent business empire. He was by this time a captain and had admitted to colleagues an ambition to become a millionaire.

In August 1945 the US dropped atom bombs on Japan, events which Maxwell subsequently claimed demonstrated to him the power of scientific knowledge, which he realised he could tap by publishing that knowledge. The next month a fellow Czech, Arnos Lobl, went to London and formed a £100 company called Low-Bell, an import-export company in which Maxwell took a controlling interest shortly before he resigned from the Control Commission in March 1947. Once established in London, he began distributing German newspapers to German prisoners of war in Britain, as well as laying hands on any goods in short supply to resell them abroad.

In October 1947 Maxwell returned to Berlin to renew an acquaintance he had formed with Ferdinand Springer, a scientific publisher to whom he had supplied paper in his army days. He became Springer's foreign agent, making his own fortune and reviving that of the German. The bureaucratic controls applied by the Allies to exports of publications from Germany were tailor-made for Maxwell to exploit. Springer had a British company, jointly owned with Butterworth, the UK publisher. When the arrangements with *Maxwell dissolved in acrimony in 1951*, Maxwell borrowed from the banks to buy the company for £13,000. Renamed Pergamon Press, it was to become his master company.

At this stage he was keen to ingratiate himself with the British book publishing establishment. So he agreed to take a headache off their hands, a loss-making wholesaler called Simpkin Marshall. But within four years it failed, owing £556,000 and the Official Receiver criticised the directors — including Maxwell — for not closing it sooner. Maxwell was gaining a reputation as a brash, arrogant showman, the obverse of the typically restrained 1950s British publisher. But meanwhile he was developing a powerful strategy for Pergamon. He realised that he could create narrow but unshakable monopolies by launching scientific journals on precisely defined topics which would be the accepted medium for the experts in that discipline.

While academics would compete to write in the journals for no payment, or even pay for the privilege, universities and science-based companies would pay a high premium for the journals by advance subscription. Newcomers would have to buy back-numbers from Pergamon at updated prices.

By 1964 Pergamon was publishing 600 book titles a year and 70 journals. It was floated on the Stock Exchange with a value of over £4 million. That year Maxwell was also elected Labour MP for Buckingham. He presented himself as a bridge between business and socialism, a theme that fitted well with Harold Wilson's commitment to a "white-hot technological revolution".

But this was to be Maxwell's zenith for the next 17 years. In 1968 he was rebuffed by shareholders in the *News of the World* in a takeover bid where he was defeated, not for the last time, by Rupert Murdoch. The newspaper's editor, Stafford Somerfield, ran a notorious editorial comparing Maxwell's foreign origins unfavourably with the *News of the World* which, he wrote, "I know is as British as roast beef and Yorkshire pudding". But that defeat was a trifle set against the following year's disastrous attempt to merge Pergamon with Leasco, an American computer company headed by the equally sharp-witted and brash fellow Jew, Saul Steinberg. The idea was that Pergamon's scientific database could be loaded into Leasco's computers. But while Leasco's accountants were having difficulty *obtaining information from Maxwell*, it emerged that two of Maxwell's family trusts had been selling Pergamon shares bought by Leasco at inflated prices. Then Leasco discovered that a large proportion of Pergamon's recent profits were derived from dealings with private Maxwell companies, thus casting doubt on their true value. Leasco withdrew its £25 million bid, but by then the American firm held 38 per cent of Pergamon's shares. *Leasco banded together with institutional investors* to vote Maxwell off the board, which did not please the academics who wrote for Pergamon's journals. Profits suffered accordingly.

The Department of Trade and Industry ordered an investigation into Pergamon in which the inspectors stated: "We regret having to conclude that, notwithstanding Mr Maxwell's acknowledged abilities and energy, he is not in our opinion a person who can be relied on to exercise proper stewardship of a publicly quoted company."

It was a verdict which was to dog Maxwell for the rest of his life, and would have broken a lesser man. He attempted to have the DTI report set aside by the courts. Although Lord Denning decided that the inspectors had behaved fairly, the rules were modified to give those criticised in such reports the explicit right of reply.

In 1970 Maxwell lost his parliamentary seat. Although he contested Buckingham twice more in 1974, he never again became an MP. But 1974 was also the year when he regained control of Pergamon, taking it private through an offer of 12p a share against Leasco's 185p bid six years previously. By that time Leasco and the institutional investors were glad to be rid of what they regarded as a troublesome investment. For Maxwell, of course, it was the return of his commercial base. He kept out of the spotlight and cultivated relationships with the City of London.

In 1980 National Westminster Bank turned to Maxwell to rescue the country's leadin printing concern, British Printing Corpora tion, from financial difficulties. No *withstanding the fact that it was a public* quoted company, he gained control a turned the business round in the teeth union opposition. The DTI slur was set asi although not forgotten. In 1984, during unsuccessful takeover bid for John Wadc ton, it emerged that control of Maxw business interests had been vested Pergamon Holding Foundation, a trust ir porated in Liechtenstein. Although Ma claimed that the trust gave substantial sur charity, the device had tax advantages anc understood to cede ultimate ownershi members of his family resident overseas

Under Maxwell, BPC was soon enough to buy the Odhams printing ope from Reed International. In 1984 decided to float Mirror Group Newspap the stock market, but Maxwell pre-e that with a private offer of £80 million Reed accepted. The Holborn head offic *believed to be worth that much alone. H* fulfilled his dream of owning a na newspaper. Indeed, in addition to the *Mirror*, *Sunday Mirror* and *The Peop* 1987 he attempted to launch a 24-hour p *The London Daily News*, but had to cl within five months in the face of a rele defensive campaign by Associated N papers, the owners of the *Evening Stand*

Through BPC, renamed Maxwell Com nication Corporation, he achieved the a the abortive merger with Leasco, to p electronically on a global scale. But in 19 decided to abandon printing in favo publishing, selling the BPC operations to management. Two years later he tilte balance of MCC firmly towards the U States by buying the Berlitz language-te business the American Macmillan publishers and Official Airline Guid 1990, after several delays, Maxwell lau *The European*, a London-produced E language weekly designed to appeal current affairs readership throughout E

During the past year, he was beset double impact of the transatlantic r and high interest rates. In an effort to cash he floated Mirror Group Newsp the London stock market. He also sol his beloved Pergamon to Elsevier Netherlands — but he shrewdl Pergamon's electronic publishing op in America. Cash problems did not him from buying the New York *Dail* which he did in characteristically d manner, sailing up the East River in *T Ghislaine* and announcing the deal ju days before the title would have forever. In remarkably trouble-free tions with the print unions he savings equal to more than $80 including the shedding of 800 jobs. *Daily News* and *The European* we within his private interests. He was u resist the temptation to return to t which had attracted criticism dur Pergamon-Leasco battle, his tende shuffle businesses between his publi panies and his private empire.

One ambition which he never realis the ownership of a glamorous British f *club. His name was linked at different* with Manchester United and Tott Hotspur, but he had to content himse Oxford United and Derby County. M created a substantial business empire will live on in various forms after his although it will be run on very differen by his sons. His success owed everythin boundless energy, despite a continu against overweight. But his achiev were overshadowed by his bullyi arrogant style of management, which to be driven by the insecurity impoverished beginnings.

Maxwell had nine children, seven o survive him and at least three of w employed in his businesses. He also le widow, Betty.

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Times 1000

The Times 1000, 1991-1992 is published today at £27.50. Listing the financial statistics for Europe's biggest companies, as well as other tables on Japanese and American companies and *many other tables, it is available* from good booksellers.

Builders Merchants' Company

The following have been installed officers of the Builders Merchants' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr E. B. Carter; Senior Warden, Mr H.A. Terry; Junior Warden, Mr M. Pares.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Canon Lorys Davies, Residentiary Canon of Birmingham Cathedral, is to be Archdeacon of Bolton, diocese Manchester, succeeding the Ven Bill Brison.

The Rev Derek Akker, Assistant Curate, St Peter, Bury: to be Vicar, St Stephen and All Martyrs, Lever Bridge (Manchester).

The Rev Mark R Bailey, Curate, Holy *Trinity, Norwich: to be also Acting* Anglican Chaplain to the University of East Anglia (Norwich) for the present term, in place of the Rev Howard Spencer who is on sick leave

The Rev Ronald Bowlzer, Assistant Curate, Whitehaven Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, Netherton, Maryport (Carlisle).

The Rev Geoffrey Coles, Team Vicar, Manningham: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary's, Wyke (Bradford).

The Rev Michael J Comer, Assistant Curate, St Barnabas, Hattersley: to be Vicar, St Barnabas, Hattersley (Chester).

The Rev Canon John Davies: to be a Canon Emeritus of Winchester Cathedral (Winchester)

The Rev Brian J Duckett, Vicar, St Martin, Dover (Canterbury): to be Rector, Dorcan Team Ministry, East Swindon (Bristol)

The Rev Alan B Elkins, Rector, Bishopstrow and Boreham: to be Rector, Corfe Mullen (Salisbury)

The Rev *Margaret R Escritt*, York Diocesan Adviser for Diaconal Ministries: to be Assistant Chaplain (part time) at Full Sutton Prison (York)

The Rev Denis Galenby, Rector, united benefice of Horwich, and Area *Dean of Deane: to be also* an Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral (Manchester)

The Rev Andrew R Good, Curate, Cheshunt (St Albans), to be Rector, Spixworth, Crostwick and Frettenham (Norwich)

The Rev Martin Gooder, Rector, Christ Church, Brunswick, to be Priest-in-charge, Christ Church, Bacup (Manchester)

The Rev John N Greaves, Vicar, St Cuthbert, Durham, and Rural Dean of Durham, to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral (Durham).

The Rev Brian Hartley, Curate (NSM), St Paul, Royton: to be Priest-in-charge, St Stephen and All Martyrs, Lower Moor, Oldham (Manchester).

The Rev David K Hastings, Full-time Chaplain, Reading Prison (Oxford): to be Priest-in-charge, and Rector-designate, Lower Wylye and Till Valley (Salisbury)

The Rev Preb Michael W Hooper, Rector, Leominster Team Ministry, and rural Dean of Leominster: to be *also* Priest-in-charge, St Peter and St Paul, Eye; St Michael and All Angels, Croft, and St Leonard, Yarpole, Lucton (Hereford).

The Rev John E Ingham, Vicar, Paulton and Farrington Gurney, and Rural Dean of Midsomer Norton (Bath and Wells): to be Rector, Aspley Guise w Husborne Crawley and Ridgmont (St Albans).

The Rev Jonathan Jennings, Curate, St Cuthbert, Darlington and Religious Programmes Producer TFM Radio: to be Diocesan Press and Communications Officer (Manchester).

The Rev Timothy S Lawes, Curate, Wymondham: to be Rector, Felmingham w Colby, Banningham, Tuttington w Suffield (Norwich).

The Rev Simon C Parrett, Assistant Curate, Ifield Team Ministry (Chichester): to be Chaplain to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Dorset, the Sherborne Episcopal Area (Salisbury).

The Rev John Nowell, Vicar, Silsden: to be Vicar, Baildon (Bradford).

The Rev Brian H Pithers, Team Rector, Ribbleton: to be Vicar, The Ascension, Torrisholme, Morecambe (Blackburn).

The Rev Noel Proctor, Chaplain at Strangeways Prison, Manchester: to be *also* an Honorary Canon of Manchester Cathedral (Manchester)

The Rev Andrew M Rainsford, to be Diocesan Christian Stewardship Adviser (Norwich).

Church in Wales

Diocese of Llandaff

The Rev Canon William Badham Morgan, Vicar of Penydarren, to be Rector of Merthyr Tydfil, St. David. Canon Morgan will continue as Rural Dean of Merthyr Tydfil

The Rev Steve Shelley Morgan, Vicar in the Rectorial Benefice of Merthyr Tydfil and Cyfarthfa to be Vicar of Merthyr Tydfil, Christchurch

The Rev John Malcolm Hughes, Vicar of Llanwynno to be Rector of Cadoxton-Juxta-Barry

The Rev Robert Donkin, Vicar of Aberaman and Abercwmboi also to be Vicar of Cwmaman.

The Rev Matthew John Strong, Curate in the Parish of Hirwaun, to be Vicar of Troedyrhiw w Merthyr Vale

The Rev Philip Roy Mason, Vicar of Penyfai w Tondu to be Rector of Newton Nottage

Resignation:

The Rev Ronald Lloyd, Vicar of Cwmbach to resign on 30th November 1991

Church of Scotland

Inductions

The Rev E Douglas Aitken to Clackmannan

The Rev Michael W Frew to St John's Carluke

The Rev W Frank Campbell to Ancrum

The Rev Alison Davidge to Dalmellington, Ayr.

The Rev David P L Cumming to Kilmodan and Colintrave.

Westminster Abbey towers dated to 12th century

LARGE portions of the towers of Westminster Abbey are nearly 300 years older than had been thought, a survey has shown. Rather than dating to the end of the 14th century, they appear to have been built early in the 12th century, in the reign of Henry I (Norman Hammond writes).

The discovery has come after an inspection of the construction and types of stone used, carried out by Tim Tatton-Brown and John Bowen as part of the abbey's restoration work. Much of the medieval stone was due to be replaced because of erosion.

"No measured drawings of the west front of the abbey appear to have ever been made before," Mr Tatton-Brown said, although a 17th century elevation by Wenceslaus Hollar shows an earlier stage in construction and has proved invaluable in working out the sequence of events.

Virtually everything that today's visitor sees on the exterior of the abbey is fairly modern. Apart from the two familiar towers added by Nicholas Hawksmoor in 1735-45 there was recasing at the beginning of this century.

Forthcoming marria

Mr N.H.C. Fraser
and Miss E.K. Gunneberg
The engagement is announced between Neil, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Alasdair Fraser, of Ealing Common, London, and Eva, youngest daughter of the Rev Herbert and Mrs Gunneberg, of the Isle of Gigha, Argyll.

Mr J.W.E. Granger
and Miss S.J. Horsfield
The engagement is announced between James, second son of Mr and Mrs Brian Granger, of Little Bookham, Surrey, and Susan, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Horsfield, of Finchley, London.

Mr A.F. Loring
and Miss E.M. McClintock
The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of the late Brigadier Walter Loring, CBE, and of Mrs Walter Loring, of Slingsby, Yorkshire, and Elizabeth, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas McClintock, of Wareham, Dorset.

Mr K.J. Palmer
and Miss S.J. de Bruin
The engagement is announced between Kevin, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A.R. Palmer, of Ilford, Essex, and Sarah, daughter of Mrs J. de Bruin, of Ilford, Essex.

Mr A.R. Preston
and Miss V.J. Richards
The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of Mr Richard Preston, of Joyford Hill, Gloucestershire, and Mrs Lesley Preston, of Farnham, Surrey, and Victoria, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Richards, of Topsham, Devon.

Professor A.J. McC
and Miss R.A. Majo
The engagement is between Andrew, only late Mr John McCam and Mrs Margaret South Eaton Place SW1, and Rober Majoros, of Shake Ohio, United States, Mrs Irene Majoros, c Ohio, United State late Mr John Major

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Lead me by your faithfulness and teach me, for you are God my Saviour; in you I put my hope all the day long.
Psalm 25 : 5 (REB)

BIRTHS

AUER - On November 2nd 1991, at The Portland Hospital, to Jane (née Digby) and Christoph, a son, Charles Felix Ernst.

BINNING - On November 2nd, at The Portland Hospital, to Catherine (née Blach) and Marcus, a daughter, Emily Cecilia.

CHARRINGTON - On October 31st 1991, at Layer Marney Tower, Essex, to Nicholas and Sheila (née Mallinson), a daughter, a sister for Alice.

CHERRIE - On November 4th 1991, at St George's, to Siri Farstad and Nick, a daughter, Christina Lucy and a son, Marcus Sebastian.

CLOWES - On November 3rd, to Emma and Benjamin, a daughter, Imogen.

DOWLE - On October 30th, to Fiona (née Welch) and Derek, a son, Alexander William, a brother for Sara.

DUNLOP - On November 4th 1991, to Evelyne (née Corry) and Julian, a daughter, Lara Emma.

FIELDEN - On November 3rd 1991, at RAF Wegberg, to Kathryn and Drew, a daughter, Helen Elisabeth, sister to James and Richard.

FOXLEY - On Saturday November 2nd 1991, to Emma (née Ross) and Ian, a daughter, Jessica Jilly.

GRANGER - On November 1st, to Clare (née Cooper) and Mark, a daughter, Isabelle Frances Rose, a sister for Edward.

LANCINA - On October 31st 1991, to Helen (née Stembridge) and Anthony, a son, Matthew Jonathan.

MALTBY - On November 4th 1991 at 8.50 pm, to Eileen and Thomas, a son.

MATES - On November 4th 1991, at The Countess of Chester Hospital, to Fiona (née Bennett) and James, a son, Leo James de Vars.

RODDAM - On October 30th, to Carina and Franc, a daughter, Flynn Frances, a sister for Ithaka.

THOMAS - On November 4th 1991, at the University Hospital, The Heath, Cardiff, to Allyson (née Neale) and Jonathan, a daughter, Stephanie Amelia, a sister for Robert.

WHITE - On October 31st, at The John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Mary (née Duncan) and Adrian, a son, Alexander Duncan.

WILLETT - On October 31st, to Muffin and Daniel, a daughter, Tabitha Flavia, a sister for Emerald.

DEATHS

ANSETT - On November 1st 1991, aged 57, Clifford John Judge, of Bristol. Born Highgate, London.

BISHOP - On November 2nd peacefully, John, beloved husband of Joyce and dear father of Jenny and Andrew. Service at Christchurch, Chorleywood, Herts., on Friday November 8th at 3pm. Family flowers only. If wished, donations to the Michael Sobell Hospice, c/o James Peddle Ltd., 65 High Street, Rickmansworth.

BLACKBURN - On November 3rd, peacefully after a short illness in the wonderful care of the NHS at Charing Cross Hospital, Raymond, adored husband of Tessa and loving father and grandfather. Funeral Service on Wednesday November 13th 2.30 pm at St Nicholas Parish Church, Church Street, Chiswick W4, followed by private cremation. Donations please to the Sharon Allen Leukaemia Trust, PO Box 554, London SW1.

CANNON - On November 3rd, Stephen, beloved husband of Peg, father of Tess and grandfather of Christopher and Jeremy. Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity, Brompton, on Tuesday November 19th at 12 noon. No flowers.

DEATHS

BOYS SMITH - On November 3rd, peacefully, John Boys Smith, aged 90. Formerly Master of St John's College, Cambridge and Vice-Chancellor of the University. Loved husband of Gwenda, devoted father of John Wynn and Stephen and loving grandfather and father-in-law. Funeral St Barnabas Church, Dulwich, London SE21, 2.30 Friday November 8th. Private cremation. No flowers by request. Memorial Service at St John's College to be announced later.

CAMPBELL - On November 4th, George, peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Margaret and dear father of Helen. Funeral Service on Friday November 8th, 12.30pm at St Etheldreda's Church, Old Hatfield. Family flowers only please. Donations to McMillan Hospice, Isabel Wing, Douglas Tilbe House, Hall Grove, Welwyn Garden City, Herts. All enquiries to J.J. Burgess & Sons, Alfred House, The Common, Hatfield, (0707) 262122.

COX - On November 3rd, 1991, Molly Cox, BBC TV Producer, Mother and Grandmother, peacefully in the Brompton Hospital, Chelsea. There will be a family funeral in Marlow. Instead of flowers she requested contributions to Prisoners of Conscience, PO Box 37, Twickenham, TW1 4NZ. A Memorial Service will be held in London at a later date. The family wishes to thank all those involved in her care.

DREVER - On November 5th 1991, at home after a short illness, James Drever, Principal Emeritus of Dundee University and Professor Emeritus of Psychology, University of Edinburgh. Beloved husband of Joan, father of James and Alison and a much loved grandfather. Funeral Service at The University Chapel, Dundee, on Friday November 8th at 3.15 pm, to which all friends are invited.

FALCONER - On November 4th 1991, John, at home after a long illness courageously fought, aged 69. Dearly loved husband of Elizabeth, father of Nicola and Toby and grandfather of Kate and William. Private funeral, family flowers only.

FUGLESANG - On November 5th, peacefully at home, Robin Robsahm, aged 73, beloved husband of Wendy and father of Susie and Anita and much loved grandfather. Funeral St Cyriac's, Lacock, Friday November 8th at 3pm. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Dorothy House Foundation, 164 Bloomfield Road, Bath.

HURST - On Sunday November 3rd 1991, peacefully at home at Lochside, Kelso, Scotland, John, dear husband of Louise, father of Margie, Edward and Christopher. Funeral Service in Hownham Church on Thursday November 7th at 2 pm.

KIRK - On October 31st, peacefully, John Temperley, beloved husband of Jennifer and the late Edna. Dear father of George, Margaret and Martyn and their families. Funeral Service will be held at St Bartholomew's Church, Wigginton, on Friday November 8th at 2pm. Please, no flowers. Donations, if desired, to St Bartholomew's Church P.C.C. c/o Malcolm Jones & Metcalfes, 284 High Street, Berkhamsted, tel: (0442) 864548.

MARLOW - On November 2nd, suddenly, Peter, dearly loved husband of Máire and father of Heather (Dec) and Janet. Funeral at St John's Church, Belmont, Surrey, Wednesday November 13th at 1 pm. Family flowers only, donations to: The Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund, 67 Portland Place, London W1N 4AR and Royal National Institute for the Deaf, 105 Gower Street, London WC1E 6AH.

DEATHS

MASTERS - On November 3rd, whilst at home in Farnham, Joan, aged 69 years, lost a two year battle with Motor Neurone Disease. Beloved wife of Alex and loving mother of Philip, Robin and John. Funeral Service to be held at Aldershot Crematorium on Thursday November 7th at 10 am. Flowers or donations to the Motor Neurone Disease Association c/o Farnham Funeral Service, enquiries tel: (0252) 711444.

MORRIS - On November 4th 1991, peacefully at her home, Louise Anne. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium on Thursday November 7th at 2.40 pm. Cut flowers only to Leverton & Sons, 181 Haverstock Hill, NW3, by 12.30 pm.

PEDDER - On November 4th 1991, at home, Anthony Richard, aged 53 years, formerly of Stowe School, Buckingham and formerly of High Stott Park, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, Cumbria. Funeral Service at St Peters Church, Finsthwaite, nr. Newby Bridge, on Saturday November 9th at 12 noon, followed by interment in the churchyard. Family flowers only. Donations to St Peters Church Fabric Fund c/o Wrens Funeral Directors, Newby Bridge, nr. Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 8LZ.

THOMAS - On November 2nd 1991, peacefully at St Bart's, John Berkeley (Jack Thomas), aged 80. Funeral arrangements Friday November 8th 11.50 am, East Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium. No flowers. Donations to The Royal Theatrical Fund, 11 Garrick Street, London WC2. Friends kindly accept this intimation.

WILLES - On October 23rd, Peter, O.B.E., only son of His Honour Richard Willes and Marian. The funeral has taken place.

WINTERBOTTOM - On November 5th, very peacefully in her sleep after a long courageous battle against cancer at Kingston Hospital, dearest Miki, wife of the late Leslie Winterbottom, beloved mother to Claire and Marion and grandmother to Graham, Samantha and Billie-Clare. Funeral on Friday November 8th. Flowers or donations Enquiries to CRS Funeral Service, Parson's Green, London SW6, 071-736 2939.

WITTY - On November 2nd 1991, peacefully at home, Major Frank (Rtd), husband of Kay and father of Karina and Christopher. Funeral Service at Mortlake Crematorium, Chiswick on November 7th at 11 am. All enquiries to Kenyon Ltd. (071) 937-0757.

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BROWN nee MILLER, CATHERINE MABEL BROWN otherwise CATHERINE BROWN nee MILLER Widow late of The Oaks, 8 Nessham Street Cruddas Park, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne died at Newcastle-Upon-Tyne on 2nd February 1991 (Estate about £5,960)

BUCKLE, ROY BUCKLE late of Rookery Lodge, Woodcross Lane, Coseley, Wolverhampton, West Midlands died at Wolverhampton on 12 October 1990 (Estate about £5,690)

DOMONEY, PERCY HAROLD DOMONEY, PERCY HAROLD DOMONEY late of Tresillian Nursing Home, 5 Westminster Road East, Poole, Dorset died There on 3rd October 1991 (Estate about £200,000)

EDWARDS, ARTHUR WILLIAM EDWARDS late of 12 Hardy House, 64 Great Western Road, Notting Hill, London W11 died at North Kensington, W10 on 11th March 1989 (Estate about £40,000)

FEATHER, IDA FEATHER Spinster late of 9 Clive Place, Bradford, West Yorkshire died at Bradford on 17th November 1990 (Estate about £26,000)

FORSTER nee RADFORD, OLIVE GWENDOLINE FORSTER nee RADFORD Widow late of 1 Bramber Court, Bruce Avenue, Worthing, West Sussex died There on 31st May 1991 (Estate about £368,000)

HILLIER nee COBB, GWENDOLINE LILIAN HILLIER nee COBB Widow late of 18 Nibley Road, Shirehampton, Bristol died at Torbay, Torquay, Devon on 5th January 1991 (Estate about £100,000)

HUNT nee FISH, VERA ASPEY HUNT nee FISH Widow late of Glenside Hospital, 20 Blackberry Hill, Stapleton, Bristol died There on 15th May 1990 (Estate about £34,900)

RUSSELL nee GARDINER, ELSIE RUSSELL nee GARDINER Widow late of 30 Sandringham Avenue, Downend, Bristol died at Bristol on 17th January 1991 (Estate about £74,000)

TAGGART, WILLIAM HENRY TAGGART late of 93 Swansea Road, Reading, Berkshire died at Reading on 6th November 1990 (Estate about £30,000)

MIALYK nee REGAN, CATHERINE MIALYK nee REGAN Widow late of Ollersett View Hospital, New Mills, Derbyshire died There on 5th March 1991 (Estate about £11,000)

TILBURY, STANLEY NORMAN TILBURY late of 22 Sayerland Road, Polegate, East Sussex died at Eastbourne, East Sussex on 13th July 1991 (Estate about £67,000)

The kin of the above-named are requested to apply to the Treasury Solicitor (B.V.), Queen Anne's Chambers, 28 Broadway, London SW1H 9JS, failing which the Treasury Solicitor may take steps to administer the estate.

LEGAL NOTICES

A REGAN & CO LIMITED
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD on Friday 15th November 1991 at 12 o'clock noon for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
Pursuant to Section 98, subsection (2) (a) of the Act, Mr S J Wainwright and Mr P Lomas of Poppleton & Appleby, 32 High Street, Manchester, M4 1QD are appointed to act as the Qualified Insolvency Practitioners who will furnish creditors with such information as they may reasonably require.
Dated this 31st day of October 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
F HIGHTON, (DIRECTOR)

ENERGY & MARINE INDUSTRIES PLC
Registered Number 1493459
Pursuant to Section 46(1) of The Insolvency Act 1986 and Rule 3.2 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 take notice that we, Scott Barnes and Peter Flesher of Grant Thornton, Grant Thornton House, Melton Street, Euston Square, London NW1 2EP were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company on 25 October 1991 by Yorkshire Bank Plc under the terms of a debenture dated 26 June 1990.
S Barnes and P Flesher
Joint Administrative Receivers

ENERGY ESTATES LIMITED
Registered Number: 2131067
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IN THE MATTER OF RENSLADE SECURITIES LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of The Insolvency Rules 1986 notice is hereby given that I, Philip Monjack, FCA, a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co., 30 Eastbourne Terrace., London W2 6LF was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 30th October 1991
DATED THIS 30TH DAY OF OCTOBER 1991 Philip Monjack, FCA, Liquidator, Leonard Curtis & Co. Chartered Accountants, PO BOX 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace London W2 6LF.

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IN THE MATTER OF BLUE SPUR INVESTMENTS LIMITED
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IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
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IN THE MATTER OF RENSLADE INVESTMENTS (LONDON) LIMITED
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
No. 0011148 of 1991
CHANCERY DIVISION
Re: STAVELEY INDUSTRIES PLC
- and -
Re: THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated 28 october 1991 confirming the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the Company amounting to £22,900,086.30 was registered by the Registrar of Companies on 30 October 1991
DATED 30 October 1991
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Notice of appointment of liquidator voluntary winding up (Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number: 2353646
Name of company: The Drinking Water Co. Ltd. Nature of business. Soft Drinks Distributors. Address of registered office. Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ. Type of Liquidation: Creditors Liquidator: R.A. Segal, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Office holder No. 002685. Date of appointment: 23 October 1991. By whom appointed The Members & Creditors.
23 October 1991
R.A. Segal

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of appointment of liquidator voluntary winding up (Creditors)
Pursuant to section 109 of the Insolvency Act 1986
Company number 2418768
Name of company G B MARBLE (UK) Ltd Nature of business Marble Manufacturers. Address of registered office 167 Widmore Road, Bromley, Kent Type of Liquidation. Creditors Liquidator R A Segal, Treviot House, 186-192 High Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JQ Office holder No 002685 Date of appointment 25 October 1991 By whom appointed The Members & Creditors.
25 October 1991
R.A. Segal

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
FINE ENGLISH HOTELS LIMITED
Registered number 2396179. Trading name Fine English Hotels. Nature of business: Hotels. Trade classification. 47 Date of appointment of administrative receivers. 4 November 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers Royal Bank of Scotland PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: Alan John Barrett and Stephen Robert Edward Hancock (office holder nos 1096 and 6472) Address: Price Waterhouse No 1 London Bridge Road, London SE1 9QL

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
THE EXEL MOULD & TOOL COMPANY LIMITED
Registered number 359332 Nature of business Manufacturers of moulds and tools. Trade classification 06. Date of appointment of administrative receivers, 31 October 1991 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers Midland Bank Plc Joint Administrative Receivers. MD Gercke and AV Lomas (office holder nos 2360 and 7240). Address. Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate, 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX

Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
STONESHIRE CONSTRUCTION LIMITED
Registered number 764179 Nature of business General Builders. Trade classification 25 Date of appointment of administrative receivers 31 October 1991 Name of person appointing the administrative receivers Midland Bank Plc Joint Administrative Receivers: MD Gercke and JGA Phillips (office holder nos 2360 and 6481) Address. Price Waterhouse, Bridge Gate 55/57 High Street, Redhill, Surrey RH1 1RX.

Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receivers
Brazil Aggregates (Wigmore) Limited
Registered number 1760453. Nature of business Quarrying. Trade Classification. 3 Date of appointment of Joint Administrative Receivers: 28 October 1991 Name of Person Appointing the Joint Administrative Receivers National Westminster Bank Plc Joint Administrative Receivers. L A Manning & I P Phillips. Office holder numbers: 6477 & 2636 of Buchler Phillips & Co. 84 Grosvenor Street London, W1X 9DF.

Notice of Appointment of Joint Administrative Receiver
AMERICAN MONITOR (UK) LIMITED
Registered No. 1692514 Nature of Business Medical Services. Trade Classification: 40 Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 1st November 1991. Name of Person Appointing the Administrative Receivers: The National Commercial Bank. Joint Administrative Receivers. C H. Hughes and M.E. Mills. Office Holder Numbers 6629 and 5318 Address: Ernst & Young, Becket House, 1 Lambeth Palace Road, London SE1 7EU

The Insolvency Act 1986
Q INSURANCE SERVICES PLC
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Terence John Roper FIPA, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN and Roger W. Cork of Shelley House, 3 Noble Street, London EC2 were appointed Liquidators of the said Company by the members and creditors on 11th February 1991
Dated this 4th day of November 1991
T.J. Roper and R.W. Cook
Liquidators

The Insolvency Act 1986
RETAIL LINK LIMITED AND RETAIL RENAISSANCE LIMITED (both in Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Companies by the members and creditors on 2nd September 1991
Dated this 2nd November 1991
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator

The Insolvency Act 1986
PARCS CERAMICS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA, of 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 24 October 1991
Dated this 2nd November 1991
M.R. Dorrington, Liquidator

TORRIDON STEEL LIMITED
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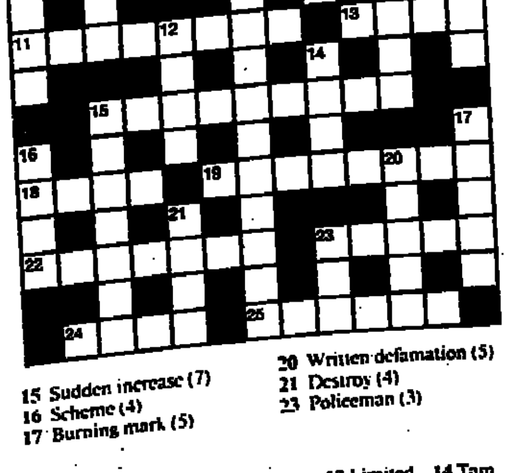

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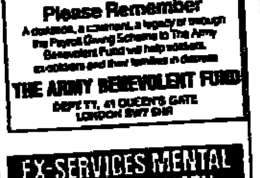

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Henry Vincent (1813-78) was a political agitator with a commanding gift of eloquence. In August he was jailed in Monmouth, on dubious evidence, for attending a riotous meeting. About 10,000 Chartists took part in the riots to free him, during which soldiers killed 20 and wounded scores of others.

ALARMING CHARTIST RIOTS.

BRISTOL, Nov.4 11 o'Clock

Since the hurried despatch which I forwarded as received by me by express from Newport, I have seen the gentleman who brought the despatches to the magistrates here, and some other persons who have left the scene of these unfortunate riots, from whom I have obtained the following information:-

It appears that the demagogue Vincent, who is now (or was at least yesterday) confined in Monmouth gaol, has all along pointed out to the ignorant mountaineers of South Wales that there it was the kingdom of Chartism should first be erected, and from all I have been able to learn, the men of Tredegar, Merthyr, &c., have been led to believe implicitly in everything which he may have said upon the subject; the consequence of which has been, that ever since his confinement a plot has been concocted (rendered more difficult of discovery from the fact of the mountaineers universally making use of the Welch language) for seizing the whole of South Wales to erect a Chartist kingdom, and for the liberation of their leader from Monmouth gaol, "Henry Vincent."

It appears that, according to a preconcerted arrangement on Saturday night (2nd of November), the men began their march from the "hills" in the neighbourhood of Merthyr, &c., armed with muskets, guns, pikes, swords, crowbars, pickaxes, &c., (it is here worthy of remark that in the firing they mostly used "slugs"), and proceeded towards Newport, with the intention of dividing into various columns; one to attack and keep in check the soldiers at Newport, another to keep in check those stationed at Brecon, while a third marched to Monmouth to liberate Vincent.

With these purposes their march was continued, the rioters in their progress sacking the villages in their route, seizing the provisions, and compelling the whole of the adult male population to join them, under the threat of instant death upon refusal. Late on Sunday night they passed through Caerphilly, in which they entered every house, turned every male inhabitant out of his bed, and compelled him to join them in their progress. At all the ironworks, &c., they compelled the workmen to join them, and blew out all the furnaces.

The magistrates having received private information of the intentions of the rioters, were at this time assembled at the Westgate Arms Inn, where a party of the 45th Regiment of Foot, of which there is one company in the town, were stationed, the remainder being at the poorhouse upon Stow hill.

Proceeding up the main street they [the marchers] reached the Westgate Arms, and were no sooner arrived in front of it than they gave three cheers, and immediately proceeded to demolish the house and fire upon the soldiers who were within. Nothing, says an eye-witness, can heighten the horror of the scene at this moment. Ladies with their children were in many of the rooms into which the slugs fired by the Chartists were flying, and threatening instant death to every person present. The magistrates, in spite of the fire of the Chartists proceeded to remonstrate with the deluded men, and attempted to restore peace; finding this, however, ineffectual, the Mayor proceeded to read the Riot Act, during which, we regret to say, he was twice wounded by slugs from the Chartist muskets.

At this point the soldiery commenced firing, and in a few minutes the Chartists, again forming themselves into divisions, retired into the fields, leaving 10 or 11 dead, and a great number wounded, not less, we understand, than from 30 to 40 …

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

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RAMBLING ROSE (15): Innocent sexpot turns all heads in 1935 Georgia. Episodic, benign, hugely entertaining; memorable performances from Laura Dern, Robert Duvall. Director, Martha Coolidge.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353).

◆ **TWENTY-ONE (15):** Life and loves of a cynical modern miss. Patsy Kensit neatly encapsulates a London type, but melodrama leads the drama astray. Director, Don Boyd
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

CURRENT

◆ **BOYZ N THE HOOD (15):** Black urban drama from hot-shot director John Singleton, piled high with homilies, but atmospheric. With Larry Fishburne, rap artist Ice Cube, Cuba Gooding Jr.
Cannons: Haymarket (071-839 1527) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ **CITY SLICKERS (12):** Over-stretched sentimental comedy, with Billy Crystal and chums solving mid-life crises during a cattle trek. Starring Daniel Stern, Bruno Kirby, Helen Slater. Director, Ron Underwood.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Leicester Square (0426 915683) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ **THE COMMITMENTS (15):** Hard-bitten Dublin youngsters form a soul band. Fresh, funny, and buoyantly played by a largely amateur cast. Director, Alan Parker
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034) Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) Mezzanine (0426 915683) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

◆ **EDWARD II (18):** Riveting reworking of Marlowe's play by Derek Jarman; words and images leap out at the audience. Steven Waddington and Andrew Tiernan as star-crossed royal lovers; Tilda Swinton as the exasperated Queen
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Gate (071-727 4043).

◆ **FLIRTING (12):** Steps to maturity at segregated Aussie boarding schools in 1965. Delightful sequel to *The Year My Voice Broke* from director John Duigan. With Noah Taylor, Thandie Newton.
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148).

HOMICIDE (15): David Mamet's study of a Jewish cop in New York's snake pit: stunted as drama, but a vivid picture of urban hell. Starring Joe Mantegna.
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) Screen on the Hill (071-435 3366).

MORTAL THOUGHTS (15): Brutal hubby gets his throat slashed: wife and best friend have blood on their hands, and the police on their tail. Stylish, brooding drama, with Demi Moore, Glenne Headly, Bruce Willis. Director, Alan Rudolph.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) West End (0426 915574)

PARIS TROUT (18): Dennis Hopper's redneck Southern racist stands accused of murder. Powerful, atmospheric drama from Pete Dexter's novel. With Barbara Hershey, Ed Harris; director, Stephen Gyllenhaal.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

◆ **PROSPERO'S BOOKS (15):** Peter Greenaway's variation on *The Tempest*, with John Gielgud's Prospero stalking Shakespeare's text through a jungle of eye-popping images. Brilliant but exhausting
Minema (071-235 4225) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402).

SPARTACUS (PG): Kirk Douglas leads slaves to revolt in Stanley Kubrick's dashing 1960 epic. Starring Peter Ustinov, Laurence Olivier, Tony Curtis, Jean Simmons; a newly restored print.
Odeon Marble Arch (0426 914501)

URANUS (15): Dark, powerful drama from Marcel Aymé's caustic novel about the settling of scores in post-liberation France. Gérard Depardieu dominates a fine cast; director, Claude Berri.
Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Lumière (071-836 0691)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

◪ **BECKET:** Riveting performances from Derek Jacobi and Robert Lindsay in Anouilh's play on the relationship between Henry II and the archbishop
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 165mins

■ **BLACK SNOW:** Robin Bailey a sublimely funny Stanislavsky figure in Bulgakov's tart Moscow comedy.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.30pm. 145mins.

◪ **CARLUCCO AND THE QUEEN OF HEARTS:** David Kincaid and Eilidh Fraser in interesting play showing Bonnie Prince Charlie turned into impotent old lush.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 140mins

☐ **CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS:** Hell in rural California: revival of Sam Shepard's brutal drama of family life, powerful but unremitting.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 130mins. Final performances.

◪ **DEATH AND THE MAIDEN:** Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Paterson superb in Chilean political drama
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 120mins.

☐ ***GOOD GOLLY MISS MOLLY:*** Cheerful trip through Fifties and Sixties hits, flimsy plot but no matter.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (071-836 2132). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.45pm and 8.20pm. 120mins.

☐ ***THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK:*** Good things in this vast, elaborate spectacular but the storyline is a needle in a haystack.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 150mins

☐ **IT'S RALPH:** Timothy West, Jack Shepherd, Connie Booth in rickety Hugh Whitemore piece about betrayed ideals and unsound timbre. Doubtful stuff
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-867 1045). Mon-Fri, 8pm, mat Tues, 3pm, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 135mins.

■ **JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT:** Jason Donovan sports a golden wig for this gaudy, brash revival.
Palladium, Argyll Street, W1 (071-494 5037). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 135mins.

☐ **PECONG:** Thrilling version of Medea set on a Caribbean isle. Sizzling performances led by Jenny Jules.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. 165mins. Final week.

☐ **THE REVENGERS' COMEDIES:** Alan Ayckbourn's impressively ambitious, two-part comedy centred on the meeting of an incongruous pair (Griff Rhys Jones and Lia Williams). Less fun than one might hope, but worth the time.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-240 0300). Part 1: Mon, Thurs, 7.30pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Part 2: Tues, Wed, Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm. 150mins each

◪ **RICHARD II:** Alex Jennings and Anton Lesser as icy king and tough usurper in keenly argued (though long), vivid production
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm. 210mins.

☐ **THE RIDE DOWN MT MORGAN:** Arthur Miller's disappointingly one-sided play where Tom Conti argues the case for bigamy
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins

☐ **A SWELL PARTY:** Four singers, two pianists in likeable tribute to Cole Porter's debonair wit and wry melodies.
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat, 8.30pm, mats Wed, 2.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm. 140mins

◪ **TARTUFFE:** Paul Eddington dithers, John Sessions cons, Felicity Kendal is bold in a nearly successful Molière
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. 120mins.

☐ **THUNDERBIRDS F.A.B. — THE NEXT GENERATION:** The cult stage version of cult television show, performed by two actors wearing spaceship hats.
Ambassadors, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111). Mon-Thurs, 8.30pm, Fri, 7pm and 9.30pm, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm. 140mins.

☐ **TOVARICH:** Natalia Makarova, Robert Powell in 1930s romantic comedy about exiled Russian aristos.
Piccadilly, Denman Street, W1 (071-867 1118). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat 4pm. 150mins.

☐ **A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** Lively parade of tuneful oldies. Good fun
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (071-867 1119). Mon-Thurs, 8.15pm, Fri, Sat, 6.15pm and 9pm. 120mins.

☐ **WAITING FOR GODOT:** Rik Mayall, Adrian Edmondson find comedy but lose the depth and pathos in Beckett's play.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5040). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. 135mins

☐ **WHEN SHE DANCED:** Vanessa Redgrave unforgettable in Sherman's artful play about Isadora Duncan and the hazards of communication.
Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat 3pm. 135mins.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ... ☐ Blood Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) ... ◪ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ◪ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) ◪ Five Guys Named Moe: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ☐ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (071-836 7611) ... ■ Les Misérables: Palace (071-434 0909) ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ... ☐ The Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ... ■ The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-839 2244) ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) ... ☐ Run For Your Wife: Duchess (071-494 5075) ◪ Starlight Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ... ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortune (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

MURRAY PERAHIA: To mark the bicentenary of Mozart's death, pianist Murray Perahia has initiated his own Mozart series "Perahia and Friends", a series of three concerts at the South Bank. For the opening concert he is joined by the Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Kenneth Sillito. The programme comprises Mozart's Piano Concertos, K413, K503 and K482.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: Mark Kaplan replaces Nigel Kennedy who was announced to give four performances of Beethoven's Violin Concerto with the CBSO this week. The first of the four concerts takes place at the orchestra's home base in Birmingham, and includes pieces by John Adams (*A Short Ride in a Fast Machine*) and Strauss (*An Alpine Symphony*). Simon Rattle conducts.
Symphony Hall, International Convention Centre, Broad Street, Birmingham (021-212 3333), 7.30pm.

THE MIKADO: Jonathan Miller's staging of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta in a glamorous Thirties "grand hotel" is one of English National Opera's most enduring productions. For its third revival Bonaventura Bottone is Nanki-Poo, Richard Suart plays Ko-Ko, and Anne Collins is Katisha. Mark Shanahan conducts
Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), 7.30pm

PARTY TIME: The Almeida Theatre presents the first play Harold Pinter has written in a decade, an elite group of people is celebrating while the military empty the streets. Dorothy Tutin, Nicola Pagett and Barry Foster star in the 40-minute play, preceded by the shorter *Mountain Language*. Pinter directs. Opening night.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London N1 (071-359 4404). 7pm

THE ANGELS WITH CLOSED EYES: The Third Stage Company, popular with young audiences in Japan, makes its British debut in a production written and directed by the company's founder Shoji Kokami. *The Angels With Closed Eyes* is inspired by Wim Wenders' film *Wings of Desire* and the fall of the Berlin Wall.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, London EC4 (071-410 0000), 7.30pm

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Christopher Gable scored a direct hit with his production of *Romeo and Juliet* which premiered in February and has successfully toured the country since. Boldly cutting and occasionally re-organising Prokofiev's score, he has achieved the drama on a more intimate scale. It now reaches London in the company's first ever West End season, running until Saturday
Royalty Theatre, Portugal Street, London WC2 (071-494 5090), 7.30pm

NIGEL CHARNOCK: Respected for his work with DV8 Physical Theatre, Nigel Charnock has created a new solo work, *Resurrection*, in which he explores the fears of death and love. His brand of dance theatre is known to be uncompromising, challenging, and raw in its physical and emotional intensity
ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 0493), 8pm

IVORY AND STEEL: The Arts Council's Contemporary Music Network jazz tours, sponsored by Rolling Rock, continue with a concert by the American pianist Monty Alexander and his band Ivory and Steel. West Indian influence will be apparent — Alexander's guests are young British jazz musicians with Caribbean backgrounds
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm.

RICHARD ZIEGLER: Longest-lived and least-known among the great artists of the Weimar Republic, Richard Ziegler falls between his native Germany and Britain, where he was a refugee during the Nazi years. His work of the Twenties is brilliantly drawn, wittily observant and technically innovative
Runkel-Hue-Williams, Old Bond St, W1 (071-495 7017). Mon-Fri 10am-5.30pm, until January 31

PAST MASTERS: Victorian artists such as Watts, Leighton, Val Prinsep and the Honorable John Collier gave paintings to the South London Art Gallery. Seldom shown since, they reappear to interesting and bizarre effect
South London Art Gallery, 65 Peckham Road, London SE5 (071-703 6120). Tues-Fri, 10am-6pm (Thurs to 8pm), Sun, 3-6pm, until December 15

Vengeance is a minefield

MARILYN KINGWILL

Justice versus revenge: Gerardo (Bill Paterson) and Paulina (Juliet Stevenson) in *Death and the Maiden*

THEATRE

Death and the Maiden
Royal Court

LATE one night a lawyer called Gerardo, recently appointed to a commission investigating the atrocities his country endured under dictatorship, brings home the doctor who stopped and helped him when his car had a blow-out. But Roberto the doctor may be a Good Samaritan with a long, black shadow. When Gerardo's wife, Paulina, hears his earnest voice, she convinces herself he was the latter-day Mengele who watched her being tortured 15 years ago. By morning, he is strapped to a chair and on trial, perhaps for his life.

The scene is set for a South American re-run of *Extremities*, the North American thriller in which a would-be rapist got his comeuppance; and, as it turns out, *Death and the Maiden* has quite as much tension and punch as that battling piece. But the Chilean author, Ariel Dorfman, has a larger, subtler mind than William Mastrosimone. It is the scope and, above all, the purposeful ambiguities of his play that earn it a transfer from the Theatre Upstairs to the Court's main stage.

Never are we altogether sure if Paulina's memories are accurate or if Roberto is the prey of her vindictive imaginings. That is not evasiveness on Dorfman's part. On the contrary, it lets him do several things at once. He can remind us of the terrible prevalence of torture, win our sympathy for the long-term anguish of its sufferers, yet make us face something we like to forget: that injustice can beget injustice and victims become as rash and callous as their persecutors. Nor is that all, not by any means.

By forcing a confession out of Roberto, Dorfman offers us a speleological glimpse of the clammy innards of the torturer's mind; and yet, by leaving us to wonder whether or not the confession is false, he achieves something still more disturbing. So much of the world's evil is, after all, secretive, unknowable. Perhaps the smiling fellow who invites us solicitously into the surgery, to calm our nerves and heal our wounds, is just a good doctor. But perhaps he has spent another part of his life monitoring the effect of electricity on the genitals. In many countries, awful uncertainties are always there.

More, the play largely consists of a running argument between the claims of disinterested justice, grittily expressed by Bill Paterson's Gerardo, and those of revenge, unforgettably embodied by Paulina (Juliet Stevenson). Must we remain civilised, and conscientiously avoid imitating those who have wronged us, or may we sometimes let blood speak? With Michael Byrne quivering in his chair, Paterson doughtily protecting him, and a gun-toting Stevenson swinging from rage to irony to hysteria to sudden tenderness to blistering glee — well, none of these questions are abstract. Lindsay Posner's production is as urgent as today's case-history from Amnesty International.

Jeremy Kingston called this a masterwork when he reviewed it. That is a word to be handled with care, but I think he was right.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

DANCE

Royal Ballet
Royal Opera House

ANNOUNCING the end of its temporary closure, the Royal Opera House declared that this week's performances would be as scheduled. But Monday night's audience for the Royal Ballet's postponed first night found that what some would have thought the most interesting item on a mixed bill has quietly disappeared.

Jerome Robbins decided that he was too busy at the Paris Opera to rehearse the revival of his *Afternoon of a Faun*, so two short items replaced it. Maurice Béjart's choreography won its third tiny toe-hold in this company's repertoire in the form of *La Luna*, a solo for Sylvie Guillem to the adagio from Bach's Violin Concerto in E. This seems related to the style he developed, to Vivaldi, for a long ballet called *Light*, ten years ago. The present dance includes slow stretches and yoga contortions, mixed with some fastidious small steps and much sinuous shifting of balance into the most extreme shapes. Guillem has the suppleness, the absolute control and the theatrical flair to present it as a smooth continuum, turning a strange trifle into a polished *parure* — but it is costume jewellery, not a precious stone.

That is true also, I am afraid, of the revival of the duet *Meditation* which Ashton made (to the intermezzo of that name from the opera *Thaïs*) for a charity gala 20 years ago. Nobody could fashion these pretty trifles better than he, and in about five minutes the dance evokes a *Bayadère*-like dream sequence and the mystery of Ashton's own goddess, Anna Pavlova.

This suited its original dancers, Antoinette Sibley and Anthony Dowell, to perfection, and it sits comfortably enough on the successors they have coached, Viviana Durante and Stuart Cassidy, although their interpretation is less devout. A pity that the company has apparently forgotten the title the choreographer gave the piece, billing it now, misleadingly, as *Thaïs pas de deux*; even more of a shame that the Royal cannot make time to rescue some of his more substantial works from neglect.

Balanchine's *Tchaikovsky pas de deux* was the other unexpected piece, a swift, smooth display of classical bravura which brought our first sight of a new leading man, Zoltan Solymosi, partnering Darcey Bussell. He is tall and strong enough to handle her with ease, and has a robust technique and confident presence likely to bring out the best in her. Back home in Budapest, according to reliable reports, his acting skills are at least as impressive as his display dancing; we must hope for imaginative casting.

The reception for all three items was warm enough, but less enthusiastic than might have been expected. Partly that might have been because the evening had begun with a sepulchral and dispiriting account of *Les Sylphides*; Chopin's music played with rum-ti-tum stolidity, poor lighting with spotlights amid a bilious green gloom; and dancing that was not half as good as in Birmingham Royal Ballet's new production last week.

But the real trouble was almost certainly bad programming: too many itsy-bitsy little pieces. Even MacMillan's *Winter Dreams*, which ended the bill, suffers from this syndrome. Its individual dances are entertaining and varied but the intended dramatic undertow does not readily become clear except with hindsight. There is excellent dancing from Bussell, Durante and Nicola Tranah as the three sisters, neat cameos from Dowell, Derek Rencher and Stephen Wicks, and Irek Mukhamedov's beautifully inflected performance as the Colonel almost manages to hold it all together. But for all that, the ballet does not build a convincing atmosphere or add up to a total dramatic statement.

JOHN PERCIVAL

CONCERT

Allegri Quartet
Purcell Room

THE Allegri Quartet are having luck with their Mozart bicentenary project, asking three composers to be "inspired by" the Mozart quintets their pieces were to be heard alongside. Last month they played James MacMillan's clarinet quintet *Tuireadh*, enthusiastically reviewed here by Stephen Pettitt. On Monday (with violist Iris Juda) it was the turn of John Woolrich's *The Death of King Renaud* for string quintet: perhaps not such an ambitious effort, being a quirky trickle of variations over in 12 minutes, but useful evidence that the Woolrich show is on the road. The third piece, in early December, will be by Duncan Druce, who has some experience of working with Mozart, not least in the edition of the Requiem that was heard at the Proms this year.

Woolrich has been in the Mozart reconstruction business too: his gloss on the last act of *Figaro*, a paraphrase made with abandoned fragments and sketches, was the intriguing curtain-raiser to the South Bank's recent Mozart Now festival. Writing for the Allegris, though, he seems to have interpreted the request to be "inspired by" the C major quintet rather more loosely. His piece is for the same two-viola ensemble, but if it is "inspired by" anything, it is by the Norman folksong that gives it tune and title, and through that (though one wonders which came first) by the related *Ave maris stella* melody as set by Monteverdi in his Vespers.

There are five variations on the song, one played by each instrument, and all of them a touch fragile and enfeebled, but deftly so, with soft dynamics, broken phrases, skids into extreme registers and feathery brushes of accompaniment. These are five musicians who only gain strength when they come together, in the more or less rickety unison passages interleaved with the variations. Then finally the first viola, who started the game, has another crack at the tune and comes up with the Monteverdi version, sounding a bit like wheezy distant bagpipes. This was a nice, enjoyed and enjoyable performance, and well placed. One could even imagine, given the rustic bite of the minuet in Haydn's D minor quartet from Op 76, and the leader Peter Carter's tangy slithers in the finale, that the Esterháza master had been "inspired by" Woolrich.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

CONCERT

LPO/Tennstedt
Festival Hall

MAHLER'S Sixth Symphony, originally designated the "Tragic" by the composer, is a titanic struggle with death, a struggle in which the adversary is, if not defeated, at least given a good run for his money. Filled with dark premonitions, the work is generally seen as bleakly pessimistic, even by Mahler's standards.

But Klaus Tennstedt, in his fiercely uncompromising performance with the London Philharmonic on Monday night, offered a different perspective — one that gained a poignant and unanswerable authority emanating as it did from this particular source. This was a reading whose intensity derived from its complete absence of self-pity, its spirit that of Thomas Mann's allowing death no sovereignty over man's thoughts.

What began as fearless hand-to-hand combat with the Grim Reaper ended with what sounded, in the finale, like a cavalry charge into the abyss. Fate might be undeniable, this tremendous climax seemed to say, but if one had to go down, one could still live life to the full before doing so.

The Andante Moderato was the only movement in which any calm reflection was allowed, and here Tennstedt unfolded expansive paragraphs with strings, woodwind and brass all dovetailing to perfection: the LPO was on excellent form. His decision to place the Andante third rather than second made the long-awaited tranquillity all the sweeter. By the same token, the heavily inflected rhythms of the Scherzo, hard on the heels of the already vigorous opening movement, offered no let-up for what seemed an eternity.

Tennstedt's ordering has a preferable tonal scheme in its favour, but sacrifices the variety of dynamics and temperament afforded by the more usual sequence. Nevertheless, it can scarcely be denied that the juxtaposition of the Scherzo with the first movement, when both are rendered as intensely as in this performance, can give the work an edge of desperation that releases a powerful and thrilling emotional charge.

BARRY MILLINGTON

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WORD-WATCHING

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WHIPPLETREE

(b) The cross-piece of a carriage, presumed to be from *whip*, but odd: "Two whipple-trees of two foot sixteen inches each, that the horses draw by."

TARANTAS

(c) A four-wheeled Russian vehicle, on a long flexible wooden chassis, mounted on poles, from the Russian word: "The tarantas resembled a hansom cab without wheels, mounted in a brewer's dray."

PITHOS

(a) A large, wide-mouthed earthenware jar of spherical form, used for holding wine, oil, or food, from the Greek word: "The *pithos* occupied by Diogenes was cracked and patched."

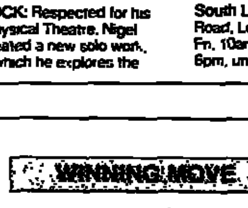
EUPATRID

(c) A member of the aristocracy in ancient Greek states, one of the hereditary aristocracy of Athens, from the Greek *eupatrides* a person with a noble dad: "Cleisthenes abolished the ancient division of tribes, as the most effectual means of reducing the power of the eupatrids."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Today's position is from the game Yensdal — Serper, Gausdal 1991. Black to play and win.



Solution: 1 ... Nf3+! 2 gxf3 Bxf3 3 Kf2 (otherwise 3 ... Qg5+ or 3 ... Qg6 will mate) 3 ... Bg4+! 4 Kg3 (4 Kg1 Bxf3) 4 ... Qh5+ 5 Kf4 Qxf3+ 6 Kg5 h6+ 7 Kh4 Qh3 mate

ENTERTAINMENTS

ART GALLERIES

SPINK, King St, St James's, SW1 Duncan Grant & Vanessa Bell Design & Decoration Until 22 Nov. Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30

CINEMAS

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Ave W1 071 439 4805 EDWARD II (18) A film by Derek Jarman. Progs at 1.45, 3.55, 6.05 & 8.30

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd. 071 240 9661 TRULY, MADLY, DEEPLY (PG) Progs at 1.45 (not Sun), 3.55, 6.05 & 8.20

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 071 465 8865 Stephen Poliakoff's CLOSE MY EYES (18) Progs 3.35 6.00 & 8.20 Last Week

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DOMINION THEATRE 071-580 8845/9562 Fri 20 Dec for 14 Perfs only. Evgs 8.00pm inc Suns (ex Xmas Eve, Day & N. Yrs Day) JIM DAVIDSON'S BLUE XMAS SHOW

DRURY LANE THEATRE ROYAL cc (Bkg fee) 24hr 7 days 071 494 5000/379 4444/240 7200 Grps 494 5454 INFO + AVAIL. 0839 333570 MISS SAIGON "MUSICALS COME AND GO THIS ONE WILL STAY" S Times Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3pm LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE Latecomers not admitted until the interval A FEW GOOD SEATS STILL AVAIL FOR MIDWEEK MATS. APPLY TO BOX OFFICE. NOW BOOKING UNTIL 28 MARCH 1992, FOR TELEPHONE POSTAL BOOKINGS/PERSONAL CALLERS 071 494 5000 BKG FEE

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DUKE OF YORK'S 071-836 5122 CC 836 9837 (no bkg fee)/ 240 7200 (First Call 24 hr/7 day/bkg fee)/379 4444 (24hr 7 days bkg fee)/793 1000 (bkg fee) BACK FOR A LIMITED SEASON FROM 28 NOVEMBER Susan Hampshire Edward Petherbridge NOEL AND GERTIE devised by Sheridan Morley Words and Music by NOEL COWARD BOOK BY 1 DECEMBER - £2.00 OFF ALL SEATS FOR ALL PERFORMANCES Eves 8pm (3 Dec at 7pm) Mats Thurs 3pm, Sat 4pm A MUSICAL GEM FOR THE LONDON HOLIDAY SEASON

FORTUNE Xmas Mats frm 17 Dec BERTIE BADGER'S CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE 'A Real Treat For 3-8 Year Olds' NOW BOOK 071 836 2238

FORTUNE BO/CC 071 836 2238 24hr cc bkg fee 497 9977 (24hr) Susan Hill's THE WOMAN IN BLACK Adapted by Stephen Mallatratt 'A BRILLIANTLY EFFECTIVE SPINE CHILLER' Guardian "A REAL THRILL" S. Times "Take Tranquillisers" T Out Mon-Sat 8pm Mats Tue 3 Sat 4 NOW BOOKING UNTIL JAN' 92

GARRICK 071 494 5085/379 4444 (no bkg fee) Strictly Limited Season ANITA DOBSON STEVEN BERKOFF HENRY GOODMAN KVETCH A play by Steven Berkoff 'Work of genius' Gdn Mon - Fri 8 Sat 5.00 & 8.30

GLOBE 071 494 5065 497 9977/379 4444 Grps 930 6123 VANESSA REDGRAVE "A touch of genius" Gdn FRANCES DE LA TOUR "Touching & funny" Std. WHEN SHE DANCED by MARTIN SHERMAN Dir by ROBERT ACKERMAN "The funniest & finest play in the West End" D Mail Mon-Sat at 8.0 Mat Wed & Sat 3.0 LAST 7 WEEKS

HAYMARKET THEATRE ROYAL BO inc CC 071 930 8800 First Call 071 497 9977 (95p nominal handling charge) DEREK JACOBI ROBERT LINDSAY 'Give riveting performances' Tms. "They are mesmerising" D.Mail BECKET by Jean Anouilh "Holds an audience spellbound" Financial Times directed by Elijah Moshinsky Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 3.00

HER MAJESTY'S 24hr 494 5400 (bkg fee) CC 379 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee) Group Sales 930 6123 ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S AWARD WINNING MUSICAL THE PHANTOM OF THE OPERA DAVE WILLETTS SHONA LINDSAY or LISA HULL as Christine AND JOHN BARROWMAN Directed by HAROLD PRINCE Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 NOW BOOKING UNTIL OCT 1992

LYRIC, Shafts Ave Bo & cc 071 494 5045 cc 379 4444 All tel lines 24hr/7 days (bkg fee). The Joint Never Stops Jumpin FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE THE OLIVIER AWARD WINNING MUSICAL OUTSTANDING ENTERTAINMENT OF THE YEAR BEST CHOREOGRAPHER Charles Augins Mon-Thu 8 Fri & Sat at 6 & 8.45 NOW BOOKING TO JAN 92 LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

LON. PALLADIUM 24hr Bo cc £1 per Tkt Svce chg 071 494 5023 /379 4444 Grps 494 5454. (24hr bkg fee) 497 9977/793 1000 Andrew Lloyd Webber's "exuberant new production" Std of "Tim Rice & Andrew Lloyd Webber's Palladium Blockbuster" Gdn JOSEPH & THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT Starring JASON DONOVAN Dir by STEVEN PIMLOTT Eves 7.30 Mats Wed & Sat 2.30 Guest appearance from 13 Jan to 22 Feb in the role of Joseph APPLY TO BO FOR RETURNS NOW BOOKING TO MAY 1992

LYRIC HAMMERSMITH 081 741 2311 (cc no bkg fee 071 836 3464) The Lyric Hammersmith production of LADY AUDLEY'S SECRET 'Gripping suspenseful production' Ind. Eves 7.45, Mats Wed 2.30 & Sat 4 STUDIO: Diana Quick in THE WOMAN DESTROYED by Simone De Beauvoir "A tour de force" Tms & Std! Eves 8, Sat mat 4.30

NATIONAL THEATRE BO 071 928 2252 Grps 071 620 0741: 24hr cc bkg fee 071 497 9977 OLIVIER Ton't 7.15 (PREVIEW) Tomor 7.00 (PRESS NIGHT) THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS by Grahame adapted by Bennett LYTTELTON Ton't & Tomor 7.30 (PREVIEWS) RACING DEMON by Hare COTTESLOE Ton't 7.30 Tomor 2.30 & 7.30 (LAST PERFS) BLACK SNOW by Dewhurst PLATFORM PERF Ton't 6pm NELL DUNN Author

NEW LONDON Drury Lane BO 071 405 0072 CC 071 404 4079 24hr 379 4444, Grps 930 6123 Tkts from Pickfords Travel THE ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER /T.S ELIOT INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNING MUSICAL CATS Eves 7.45 Mats Tue & Sat 3.00 LATECOMERS NOT ADMITTED WHILE AUDITORIUM IS IN MOTION. PLEASE BE PROMPT. Bars open at 6.45 LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL. DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

OLD VIC 071 928 7616 or cc 071 379 4444 (no bkg fee)/071 793 1000/071 497 9977 (bkg fee) Eves 7.45 Wed & Sat Mats 3 pm PHONES OPEN 24hrs/7 days NOW BOOKING INTO 1992 OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II's CARMEN JONES Music by Bizet Directed by Simon Callow "OUTCLASSES EVERY OTHER MUSICAL IN TOWN" Times

ST MARTIN'S 071-836 1443 Special CC No. 379 4444. Evgs 8.0 Tues 2.45 Sat 5.0 and 8.0 39th Year of Agatha Christie's THE MOUSETRAP

PALACE THEATRE 071-434 0909 cc 24hrs (bkg fee) 071-379 4444/497 9977 Group Sales 071 930 6123 Grps 071-494 1671 THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR MUSICAL LES MISERABLES Eves 7.30 Mats Thu & Sat 2.30 Latecomers not admitted until the interval NOW BOOKING THRU SEPT 92 LIMITED NO. OF SEATS AVAIL DAILY FROM BOX OFFICE

PHOENIX BO & cc 071 867 1044 cc 379 4444/793 1000 (no fee) 497 9977 BEST PLAY OLIVIER/SWET AWARDS '91 DANCING AT LUGHNASA "Poignant, hilarious & spell-binding" Sunday Times. Brian Friel's new masterpiece "ASTONISHING" D Express. Mon-Sat 8 Mats Thur 3.0 Sat 4.0 LAST 2 WEEKS AT THE PHOENIX THEATRE

PICCADILLY THEATRE B.O. 071 867 1118 CC 071-867 1111 071 379 4444 071 497 9977 (No bkg fee) Groups 071 930 6123 OPENS DEC 12 CILLA BLACK in JACK and the BEANSTALK Twice daily 2.30 & 7.30 (except cert perfs) including Sundays Some concessions avail. LIMITED SEASON ONLY

PICCADILLY THEATRE B.O. 071 867 1118 CC 867 1111 379 4444 (No bkg fee) Grps 930 6123 Limited season only : Until 7 Dec NATALIA MAKAROVA ROBERT POWELL in the Chichester Festival Theatre production of TOVARICH "a gem...delightful" D.Tel by Jacques Deval Directed by Patrick Garland Evgs 7.45 Mats Wed 3.0 Sat 4.0

PLAYHOUSE BO & cc 071-839 4401 cc First Call 24hr 071-379 9463 (no bkg fee) PETER HALL COMPANY PAUL EDDINGTON FELICITY KENDAL JOHN SESSIONS in MOLIERE'S TARTUFFE "Comic genius is everywhere" Daily Mail With Nicholas Le Prevost & DULCIE GRAY Directed by Peter Hall Mon-Sat 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3 NO GROUP PLAYHOUSE

PRINCE OF WALES BO 071 839 5972 CC 24hr 7 Day 836 3464 24hr 379 4444 (bkg fee) 793 1000 Groups 930 6123 ASPECTS OF LOVE "ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER'S BEST" D Tel Lyrics by DON BLACK & CHARLES HART Directed by TREVOR NUNN Eves 7.45 Mats Wed & Sat 3.0 SOME SEATS AVAILABLE NOW

PRINCE EDWARD 071 734 8951 First call (24hrs,7 day cc No bkg fee) 836 3464 cc (No bkg fee) 379 4444 Grps 071 930 6123 /240 7941 DAVID McCALLUM KENNY EVERETT in MIKE BATT'S THE HUNTING OF THE SNARK THE MUSICAL "DAZZLING ARTISTRY... SCENIC WIZARDRY" D. Exp Mon-Sat 8.0 Mats Thu & Sat 3.0

QUEEN'S 24hr BO/CC 071 494 5040 (No Fee) Special group rate 071 494 5454 (No Fee) Agents CC (24hr Bkg Fee) 071 379 4444 / 071 497 9977 "Very funny and highly recommended" Observer "A thoroughly enjoyable intellectual romp" F. Times RIK MAYALL ADRIAN EDMONDSON WAITING FOR GODOT By SAMUEL BECKETT Directed by Les Blair Mon - Thur 8.00pm, Fri 5pm & 8.30pm Sat 4pm & 8pm

ROYAL SHAKESPEARE COMPANY LONDON 071 638 8891 cc Mon-Sun 9am-8pm BARBICAN THEATRE RICHARD II Ton't 7.30, Tomor 2.00 & 7.30 THE PIT: CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS by Sam Shepard Ton't 7.30, Tomor 2.00 & 7.30 STRATFORD UPON AVON 0789 295623 cc Mon-Sat 9am-8pm ROYAL SHAKESPEARE THEATRE JULIUS CAESAR Ton't 7.30, Tomor 1.30 & 7.30 SWAN THEATRE: OEDIPUS AT COLONUS/ANTIGONE Ton't 7.30 THE OTHER PLACE: A WOMAN KILLED WITH KINDNESS Ton't 7.30, Tomor 1.30 & 7.30 Meal/Ticket/Hotel package 0789 414999. RSC's 24hr cc box office (bkg fee) 071 497 9977.

SHAFTESBURY BO & CC 071 379 5399/379 4444 (no bkg fee). 497 9977 (bkg fee) ALAN ALDA "COMMANDS THE STAGE" S.Tms in Thornton Wilder's OUR TOWN with Robert Sean Leonard and Jemma Redgrave "THE IDEAL PRODUCTION" F.T Dir by Robert Allan Ackerman Mon-Sat 8.00 Mats Thur & Sat 3 MUST END 30 NOVEMBER

STRAND BO/CC 071 240 0300 (24hr cc No Bkg Fee) 836 2428 GRIFF RHYS JONES JOANNA LUMLEY in THE REVENGERS' COMEDIES by ALAN AYCKBOURN PART 1 Mon, Thur 7.30, Wed 3.0, Sat 4.0 PART 2 Tues, Wed, Fri 7.30, Sat 8.0 Book BOTH PARTS Together £2.00 off each Ticket.

SHAFTESBURY BO & CC 071 379 5399 Phantom CC Hotline (no bkg fee) 071 413 1412 Groups 071 930 6123 A fearfully funny Phantom The Original Phantom Musical PHANTOM OF THE OPERA Written & directed by Ken Hill "A HIT SHOW" Gdn Prevs from 12 Dec, Opens 8 Jan Super preview prices £5-£20

VAUDEVILLE BO & CC 071 836 9987/497 9977 Mon-Fri at 8 Sat at 5.30 & 8.30 Wed Mats at 2.30 A SWELL PARTY A Celebration of COLE PORTER "THIS ELEGANT, SWELLEGANT PARTY" Daily Mail "Contains more great songs than all the other musicals in the West End put together" D. Tel

VICTORIA PALACE Box Off & cc (No bkg fee) 071 834 1317 CC (bkg fee) 071 379 4444/240 7200 Groups 071 930 6123 BUDDY The Buddy Holly Story "BRILLIANT" Sun BUDDY "WONDERFUL STUFF" Sun Tel BUDDY "SHEER UNADULTERATED FUN... I LOVE THIS SHOW" Sun Exp BUDDY Mon-Thur 8.00 Fri & Sat 5.30 & 8.30. ALL SEATS ½ PRICE FRIDAY 5.30 PERF 3rd SENSATIONAL YEAR NOW BOOKING TO APR 4th 1992

WHITEHALL BO 071 867 1119 cc (no bkg fee) 071 867 1111 379 4444/497 9977 Grps 930 6123 A TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS "HIGH-OCTANE, SERIOUS PARTYING" Daily Mail Mon-Thu 8.15 Fri & Sat 6.15 & 9

WYNDHAMS BO 867 1116 cc 867 1111 (no bkg fee) 379 4444/497 9977 (bkg fee) TOM CONTI "Superb" S. Times GEMMA JONES CLARE HIGGINS THE RIDE DOWN MT. MORGAN by ARTHUR MILLER Dir by MICHAEL BLAKEMORE "THEATRE AT ITS MOST IRRESISTIBLE" S Times "A REASON TO SHOUT FOR JOY" Time Mag Mon - Sat 7.30 Mats Thur & Sat 2.30

BBC 1

6.00 **Ceefax**
6.30 **BBC Breakfast News**
9.05 **Kilroy.** Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a live studio discussion. Should Essex girls be the national laughing stock?
9.50 **Hot Chefs.** Paul Gayler prepares fruit pudding with rosewater
10.00 **News**, regional news and weather **10.05 Playdays** (r) **10.25 Rupert.** Cartoon **10.30 Happy Memories.** Cliff Michelmore and Wendy Gibson rekindle viewers' memories
11.00 **News**, regional news and weather **11.05 No Kidding.** Mike Smith hosts the family quiz show, assisted by Kate Copstick (s) **11.30 People Today.** Miriam Stoppard discusses sex during pregnancy and Russell Grant looks at today's stars. With Adrian Mills and Mairi Maciver **12.00 News**; regional news and weather **12.20 Pebble Mill.** Victoria Wood talks about comedy
1.00 **One O'Clock News** and weather
1.30 **Neighbours.** (Ceefax) (s)
1.50 **Going for Gold.** Henry Kelly hosts the general knowledge quiz
2.15 **Hawaii Five-O: Strangers in Our Own Land.** Long-running American police series. A young man is accused of assassinating a land commissioner. Starring Jack Lord and James MacArthur
3.05 **Primetime.** David Jacobs and Sheila McClennon present the magazine programme for older viewers. Six veteran climbers make mountaineering history and the guest is the singer Neil Sedaka
3.45 **Cartoon.** Bunyip and Kookaburra (r)
3.50 **Children's BBC** beginning with **Dooby's Duck Truck.** Cartoon (r) **3.55 Orville and Cuddles.** Cuddles teaches Orville to swim **4.00 F.L.I.P.** Comedy series (s) **4.20 The Chipmunks.** Cartoon (r) **4.35 Hartbeat.** Tony Hart and Gabrielle Bradshaw demonstrate innovative approaches to art **5.00 Newsround 5.10 Byker Grove.** Children's drama series set in a northern youth club
5.35 **Neighbours** (r). (Ceefax) (s). Northern Ireland: Inside Ulster
6.00 **Six O'Clock News** with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. Weather
6.30 **Regional news magazines.** Northern Ireland: Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
7.00 **Liverpool in Europe: Liverpool v Auxerre.** Desmond Lynam and Alan Hansen introduce live football coverage from Anfield as Liverpool play Auxerre of France in the second-leg, second-round of the Uefa Cup tie. Auxerre won the first game 2-0. With commentary by Barry Davies and Trevor Brooking
9.00 **Nine O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Weather. **Regional news** and weather
9.30 **DEA: The Big Match**

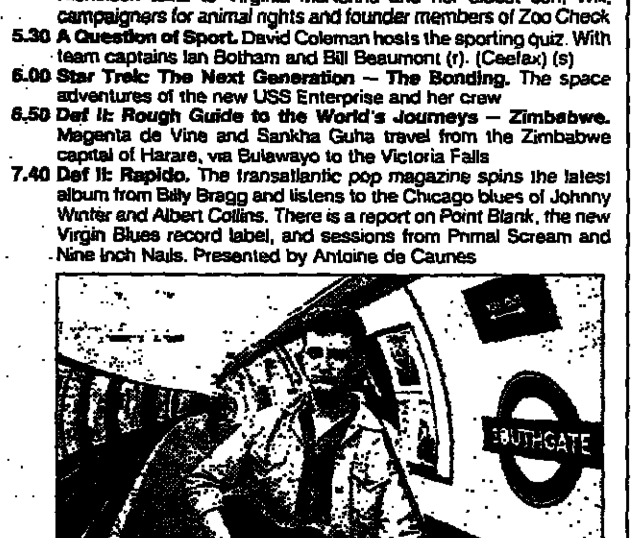
● CHOICE: An intriguing sub-plot to last year's football World Cup was the attempt of the US Drug Enforcement Administration to track down a group of Colombian cocaine traffickers. The DEA receives a tip-off that the villains are on their way to Italy to follow the Colombian team and do business on the side. Frank Panessa, who runs the Italian end of the DEA, licks his lips at the prospect of catching all the big fish at once. Video cameras are set up at the grounds and the early sightings look promising. Then a local newspaper in Bologna does the dirty and reveals the DEA operation. "We don't mind a challenge", says one DEA man, "but we didn't need this." Panessa remains bullish, despite having little to show for his efforts except a soaring telephone bill. Producer Christopher Jeans tells the story with revealing fly-on-the-wall camerawork and appropriately wry humour

Maverick cadet: Timothy Hutton saluting the flag (10.20pm)

10.20 **Film: Taps** (1981). Unusual, sometimes overblown drama in which commander George C. Scott announces the closure of an American military academy, prompting maverick cadet Timothy Hutton to organise the occupation of the building. A fresh-faced Tom Cruise plays Hutton's sidekick, and Sean Penn makes his film début. Directed by Harold Becker. (Ceefax). Northern Ireland: Spotlight; 10.50 Film: Taps. Wales: Film '91 with Barry Norman; 10.50 Film: Taps **12.25am Weather**

BBC 2

8.00 **News 8.15 Westminster.** The latest parliamentary news
9.00 **Daytime on Two:** Tutorial Topics — People Talk **9.10** Stop and Think (r) **9.30** Diez Tamas (r) **9.45** You and Me (r) **10.00** Thinkabout Science **10.15** Search Out Science: Communication (r) **10.35** Q and A (s) **10.40** Around Scotland: Clearances. Northern Ireland: Ulster in Focus (r) **11.00** Words and Pictures (r) **11.15** English Time: Writing **11.35** Teaching Today (r) **12.05** TV6 **12.30** Lifeschool (r) **12.55** España Viva (r) **1.20** Postman Pat (r) **1.35** Jimbo and the Jet Set (r) **1.40** Zig Zag (r)
2.00 **News** and weather followed by **You and Me** (r)
2.15 **Canvas.** Bill Thomson visits the Thameside cottage of J.M.W. Turner and considers his painting "The Fighting Temeraire" (r)
2.30 **Growing Places.** Geoffrey Smith visits Dyke in Lincolnshire (r)
2.35 **Country File.** John Craven with up-to-date news of rural issues (r)
3.00 **News** and weather followed by **Westminster Live.** Vivian White looks at today's proceedings in parliament **3.50 News and weather**, regional news and weather
4.00 **World Scrabble Championship.** Alan Coren introduces highlights of the final rounds
4.30 **Trivial Pursuit.** Rory McGrath invites four contestants to play the television version of the board game (r). (Ceefax)
5.00 **Relatively Speaking.** In the last programme in the series, Mavis Nicholson talks to Virginia McKenna and her eldest son, Will, campaigners for animal rights and founder members of Zoo Check
5.30 **A Question of Sport.** David Coleman hosts the sporting quiz. With team captains Ian Botham and Bill Beaumont (r). (Ceefax) (s)
6.00 **Star Trek: The Next Generation — The Bonding.** The space adventures of the new USS Enterprise and her crew
6.50 **Def II: Rough Guide to the World's Journeys — Zimbabwe.** Magenta de Vine and Sankha Guha travel from the Zimbabwe capital of Harare, via Bulawayo to the Victoria Falls
7.40 **Def II: Rapido.** The transatlantic pop magazine spins the latest album from Billy Bragg and listens to the Chicago blues of Johnny Winter and Albert Collins. There is a report on Point Blank, the new Virgin Blues record label, and sessions from Primal Scream and Nine Inch Nails. Presented by Antoine de Caunes



Man and guitar: Billy Bragg's new album gets a spin (7.40pm)

8.10 **Timewatch: Harvests of Iron — The Theatre of Operations**

● CHOICE: The second of two documentaries on the impact of the first world war on everyday life offers a perspective from France. The film is based on letters exchanged between Georges Duhamel, a young military surgeon working at the front, and his wife Blanche. Separated for most of the war, the couple wrote to each other at least once a day. Their letters are at the same time a moving expression of their love and a personal commentary on the conflict. The film concentrates on 1916 when Georges was tending the casualties of the battle of the Somme and his wife was expecting their child. The letters are strong enough to have stood on their own. But the programme uses archive film to provide telling visual corroboration, whether of London buses leaving for the front, bewildered soldiers drafted in from India and China or troops burying the dead in makeshift graves

9.00 **M*A*S*H: The Holy Mess.** Black comedy with the 4077th. Hawkeye (Alan Alda) helps a deserting soldier (r)
9.25 **Children of the North: Lonely the Man Without Heroes.** The second episode of John Hale's hard-edged Northern Ireland thriller, adapted from the novels by M S. Power. Disgraced British diplomat Apple (Michael Gough) concocts a plan to shield psychopath Deeley (Adrian Dunbar), who is on the run from the army, the RUC and the IRA. (Ceefax) (s)
10.25 **Fifth Column.** A controversial opinion on a topical subject
10.30 **Newsnight** with Peter Snow
11.15 **The Late Show.** The arts and media magazine presents a live first night review of Harold Pinter's new play, Party Time (s)
11.55 **Weather**

ITV

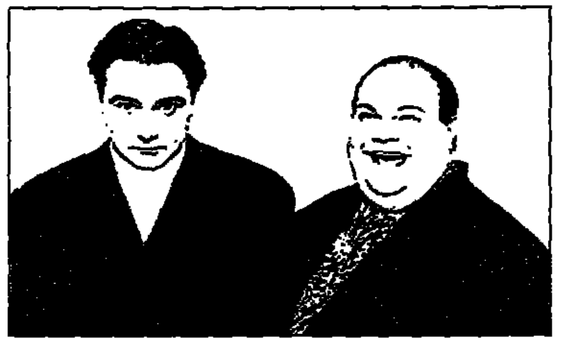
6.00 **TV-am**
9.25 **Jeopardy!** Steve Jones hosts the quiz in which contestants guess the questions to his answers **9.55 Thames News** and weather
10.00 **The Time . . . The Place . . .** Daily topical discussion programme
10.40 **This Morning.** Derek and Ellen Jameson present the family magazine programme, including Children's Health at **11.00** Dr Chris Steele examines the childhood complaint of glue ear. With **News** headlines at **10.55**, and at **11.55 Thames News** and weather
12.10 **Allsorts.** Entertainment for children (s)
12.30 **News** with John Suchet. (Oracle) Weather **1.10 Thames News** and weather
1.20 **Home and Away.** (Oracle)
1.50 **A Country Practice.** Australian medical drama set in Wandin Valley (s)
2.20 **Take the High Road.** Scottish drama set in the Highlands
2.50 **Talkabout.** Andrew O'Connor presents the quick-thinking word game **3.15 News** headlines **3.20 Thames News** headlines
3.25 **The Young Doctors.** Julie (Lisa Aldenhoven) receives a marriage proposal
3.55 **Children's ITV** beginning with **Grotbags** (s) **4.15 Rolf's Cartoon Club.** Rolf Harris looks behind the scenes at the new animation exhibition at Cartoon World in Liverpool **4.40 Time Riders.** Final part of the science fiction series. Starring Haydn Gwynne
5.10 **Blockbusters.** Bob Holness hosts the general knowledge quiz for teenagers
5.40 **News** with Carol Barnes. (Oracle) Weather
5.55 **Thames Help.** Jackie Spreckley suggests free entertainment for the unemployed
6.00 **Home and Away** (r). (Oracle) **6.30 Thames News.** (Oracle)

The big red book: Michael Aspel pounces once more (7.00pm)

7.00 **This Is Your Life.** Michael Aspel turns the pages of the infamous red book for another insight into the life and career of an unsuspecting celebrity (s)
7.30 **Coronation Street.** (Oracle)
8.00 **The European Match: Arsenal v Benfica/Manchester United v Atletico Madrid.** Elton Welsby introduces coverage of tonight's second-leg matches in the second round of the European football competitions. Live from Highbury, Arsenal plays host to the Portuguese champions Benfica in the European Cup. With highlights of the match at Old Trafford as Manchester United defends its Cup Winners' Cup title against Atletico Madrid. The commentary is by Brian Moore and Alan Parry, with analysis from Ian St John, Kevin Keegan and Denis Law
10.15 **News at Ten** with Julia Somerville and Alastair Stewart. (Oracle) **10.45 Thames News** and weather
10.55 **Film: Riviera** (1987). Formula spy thriller starring Ben Masters as a former American agent whose plan to re-open his dead father's French château raises suspicions on all sides and draws him into a web of intrigue. Intended as a pilot for a television series which was never made. The director John Frankenheimer showed his displeasure at the finished product by using the pseudonym Alan Smithee
12.45am **Film: Spawn of the Slithis** (1978). Eminently missable horror nonsense about a species of mutant sea monsters, spawned by a radiation leak from an atomic power station. A reporter (Alan Blanchard) is the last hope for the terrorised community living on the California coast. Written and directed by Stephen Traxler
2.15 **America's Top Ten.** Tommy Puett introduces the latest chart sounds from the United States (s)
2.40 **Videofashion**
3.10 **Quiz Night.** Tom Robbins presents the pub and club team quiz
3.40 **Stand Up II.** The best of Britain's young stand-up comedians
4.10 **Motorsport.** Sidecar action from Thruxton
4.40 **Fifty Years On** (b/w). Archive newsreel from early November 1941
5.00 **Witness to Survival.** Two more real-life stories of people struggling to survive against the odds
5.30 **ITN Morning News** with Tim Neilson. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 **The Channel 4 Daily 9.25 Schools**
12.00 **The Parliament Programme 12.30 Business Daily.** City analysis
1.00 **Sesame Street.** Pre-school learning series
2.00 **Faith, Hope and Clarity: Sin.** An exploration of fundamental religious issues. In the fourth of a ten-part series, Ronald Eyre looks at sin and its bearing on human behaviour from both the Buddhist and Jewish perspectives (s)
2.30 **Film: Keeper of the Flame** (1942, b/w). Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn star opposite each other for the second time in this melancholy drama. A journalist (Tracy) investigates the biography of a dead politician and befriends his reclusive widow (Hepburn). Directed by George Cukor
4.20 **The Huge Adventures of Trevor a Cat.** Surreal cartoon fun
4.30 **Fifteen-to-One.** William G Stewart hosts the quick-fire quiz (s)
5.00 **The Oprah Winfrey Show.** Oprah talks to doctors with Aids, who believe that their condition does not present a health risk to their patients. Among those who beg to differ is Kimberly Bergalis, who contracted Aids from her dentist
5.55 **Willo the Wisp.** Cartoon with the inhabitants of a ghostly forest (r)
6.00 **Kate and Allie: Fathers and Sons.** American comedy drama series about life after divorce, starring Susan Saint James and Jane Curtin. Chip tries to hide his bad report card
6.30 **Tonight with Jonathan Ross**, whose guests are the actress and comedienne Lily Tomlin and the stand-up comedian Eddie Brill
7.00 **Channel 4 News** with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather
7.50 **Party Political Comment** from a Labour party representative
8.00 **Brookside.** Drama set in a Liverpool cul-de-sac. (Teletext) (s)
8.30 **Travelog.** Robert Elms visits Lisbon, the unspoilt capital of Portugal, while Patrick Stoddart takes a short drive from Calais to explore the historical sights of Picardy. (Teletext) (s)
9.00 **Dispatches.** This week, the US Senate begins a series of hearings into the mounting evidence that American servicemen, missing since the Vietnam war, are still being held captive in Indo-China. The award-winning current affairs programme examines whether these hearings could lead to their belated homecoming
9.45 **Short and Curlies: The New Look.** Continuing the series of short dramas by new film-makers. In Chris Fallon's black comedy, a couple's love for each other fades under mounting debt and a contrasting taste in decor. (Teletext) (r)
10.00 **The Golden Girls: Ebbtide's Revenge.** Bitter-sweet comedy with the four Miami matrons. Dorothy (Bea Arthur) attends her brother's funeral. (Teletext) (s)



Humour on the hoof: Tony Slattery, Mike McShane (10.30pm)

10.30 **S & M**

● CHOICE: S is the British comedian Tony Slattery and M the outsize American funnyman, Mike McShane, and their series comprises improvised sketches on themes devised by a team of writers. The show clearly derives from Whose Line Is It Anyway?, of which Slattery and McShane are stalwarts, but it is a pity there is no audience participation or Clive Anderson to hold the ring. That said, admirers of the pair should find much to amuse. With 11 sketches packed into the half hour, none is long enough to outstay its welcome and given that they were put together on the hoof, the standard of wit and invention is high. There may be too much reliance on parodying television genres, including the talk show and the natural history series. But this is more than offset by such inventive leaps as casting Slattery and McShane as peas in a pod and, since the show is going out late at night, a pair of testicles (s)

11.00 **Us: The Thomases.** The final programme about immigrant families living in Britain. As the first black family to rent a council house in Slough, the Thomases from Dominica were victims of racial abuse
11.50 **Tonight with Jonathan Ross** (r) (s)
12.20am **Film: Kabhi Kabhie** (1976). The Hindi Love season continues with the first showing on network television of another film from the Bombay studios. Faced with parental disapproval, the poet Amit sacrifices his love for Pooja, who marries another. Starring Amitabh Bachchan and Rakhee Gulzar. Directed by Yash Chopra. In Hindi and Urdu with English subtitles. Ends at **3.25**

ITV VARIATIONS

As London except: 7.30pm-8.00 Food Guide

BORDER

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Lookaround Tuesday 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Border Heritage 11.40 Fight Night 12.35am Film: Serpico — The Deadly Game 2.25 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat 4.45 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL

As London except: 6.25pm-7.00 Central News 7.30-8.00 Voyager — The World of the National Geographic 11.40 First Night 12.35am Film: Opening Night 2.25 Pacific Sportsworld 2.25 CinemAttractions 3.25 60 Minutes 4.20 Pick of the Week 4.50-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA

As London except: 3.25pm-3.55 Sons and Daughters 6.30-7.00 Granada Tonight 7.30-8.00 Flying Start 11.40 International First Night 12.35am Film: Serpico — The Deadly Game (Allen Garfield and David Birney) 2.25 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat: Ian Gillan 4.45 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 HTV News 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Simply the Best — A Celebration of British Food

HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Two Men in a Boat

SCOTTISH

As London except: 1.50pm Blockbusters 2.20-2.50 The Sullivans 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Scotland Today 6.30-7.00 Scottish International 7.30-8.00 Voyager — The World of National Geographic 11.40 Fight Night 12.35am Vietnam: The Ten Thousand Day War 1.05 World Cup Golf 2.05 60 Minutes 3.05 Raw Power 4.05 The Twilight Zone 4.30-5.30 The Guldenburg Inheritance

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 Wild World of the East 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 The River Thames 11.40 Matlock 12.35am Film: Serpico: The Deadly Game 2.25 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat 4.45 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 TSW Farming Week

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Tell the Truth 11.40-12.30am Crime Story

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Seeing Stars 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Commercial Break 11.40 International Fight Night 12.35am Film: Serpico: The Deadly Game 2.25 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat 4.45 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Opening Nights 7.30-8.00 Green Pages 11.40 Fight Night 12.35am Film: Serpico: The Deadly Game 2.25 Video View 2.55 60 Minutes 3.50 Night Beat 4.45 Nite Bites 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10pm-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Big Business 11.40 Almost Grown 12.35am Crime Story 1.35 Video View 2.00 60 Minutes 3.00 Music Box 4.00 About Britain 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 5.20am 4 Tel on View 6.00 C4 Daily 9.25 Yagolion 12.00 The Parliament Programme 12.30pm Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Fifteen-to-One 2.00 Down to Earth 2.30 The Late Late Show 3.30 Wagon Train 4.25 Slot 23 5.00 Kate and Allie 5.30 The Crosby Show 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 00 Pobol y Cwm 7.30 Dan Rutain 8.00 TV Ar Wal 8.30 Newyddion 8.55 Mozart 9.35 Last Train to Medicine Hat 10.05 The Golden Girls 10.35 The Gravy Train Goes East 11.35 Film: The Lavender Hill Mob (Alec Guinness and Stanley Holloway) 1.05am Sinead O'Connor 2.05 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 12.30pm Would You Believe 1.00 News 1.30 Aertel Financing Pages 1.35 Simply Painting 2.05 Perry Mason 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 News followed by Kate and Allie 4.30 Clayhanger 5.20 Red and Blue 5.30 A Country Practice 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Fair City 7.30 Head to Toe 8.00 Check Up 8.30 Duty Free 9.00 News 9.30 Today Tonight 10.10 Opening Nights 10.35 Private Lives 11.05 Trying Times 11.35 Late News 11.45 Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 2.30pm Bosco 3.00 The Den 6.05 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Cursai 7.30 Musicology 8.00 News followed by Larry Gogan's Golden Hour 9.00 May to December 9.30 News followed by ENG 10.30 Nighthawks 11.00 News 11.20 Oireachtas Report 11.45 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.40 Mrs Pepperpot 8.55 Playabout 9.10 Cartoons 9.30 Mr Ed 10.00 The Dealer Channel 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Barnaby Jones 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 The Brady Bunch 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Diff'rent Strokes 5.30 Bewitched 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 One False Move 7.00 Love at First Sight 7.30 Candid Camera 8.00 Something is out There 9.00 Wiseguy 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Night Court 11.00 The Mickey Spillane's Mike Hammer 12.00 The Levkas Man 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 6.00 Sunrise 9.30 Dayline 10.30 Fashion TV 11.00 International Business Report 12.00 News 12.30pm CBS News Part One 1.00 News 1.30 CBS News Part Two 2.00 News 2.30 Our World 3.00 News 3.30 Our World 4.00 News 4.30 Fashion TV 5.00 Live at Five 6.00 News 6.30 Newsline 7.00 News 8.30 Fashion TV 9.00 News 10.30 Newsline 11.30 CBS News 12.00 News 12.30am Newsline 1.00 Newswatch 1.30 CBS News 2.00 Newswatch 2.30 Beyond 2000 3.30 Our World 4.00 Newswatch 4.30 Beyond 2000

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00 Showcase
10.00 Time Bandits (1981): Time travel adventure Starring John Cleese, Sean Connery
12.00 Dreamchasers (1985): A young boy with a fatal illness strikes up a friendship with an old man Starring Harold Gould
2.00 The House of Dies Drear A professor moves into a rambling estate with a dark past
4.00 Incident at Dark River (1989) A father takes a polluting factory to court
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Wild and Crazy Guys: Police Academy 6: City Under Siege (1989) Wacky police adventure
8.00 The Fabulous Baker Boys (1989) A piano duo look for a singer
10.00 Pick-a-Flick: Viewers are invited to vote for their favourite film. Tel 0898 500172 for The Good the Bad and the Ugly, Field of Dreams, Heathers, No Holds Barred
11.50 Scent of Passion. Erotic Drama
1.25am Spies, Lies and Alibis (1989): Spy comedy. Starring Robert Loggia
3.00 The Case of the Hillside Stranglers (1988): The story of the hunt for a serial killer Starring Richard Crenna
4.35 Banzai Runner (1986): A futuristic cop infiltrates a gang

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am Crime and Punishment (1935). Starring Peter Lorre
8.15 A Song to Remember (1945): The last years in the life of Chopin. Starring Cornel Wilde, Paul Muni
10.15 The Hound of the Baskervilles (1959). Sherlock Holmes on the trail of the terrible hound. Starring Peter Cushing
12.15 The Gunfighter (1950) A gunfighter who cannot retire. Starring Gregory Peck
2.15 Penny Serenade (1941): Cary Grant and Irene Dunne star as an ill-fated couple
4.15 Pound Puppies and the Legend of the Big Paw (1988) Cartoon
5.50 Spotlight
6.15 The Desert Rats (1988): Western adventure. Starring Scott Plank
8.05 White Nights (1985): A Soviet ballet star tries to defect 10.25 The Long Riders (1980) Western Starring Stacy Keach, James Keach, Keith Carradine
12.10am A Cry for Help (1989): Drama about wife beating Starring Nancy McKeon and Dale Midkiff
1.45 The Seventh Sign (1988): Supernatural Mystery Starring Demi Moore
3.25 Critters 2 (1988): The man-eating hedgehogs from outer-space return

THE COMEDY CHANNEL

● Via the Astra satellites.
4.00pm Punky Brewster 4.30 Petticoat Junction 5.00 The New Leave it to the Beaver 5.30 Greenacres 6.00 Here's Lucy 7.00 'F' Troup 7.30 McHale's Navy 8.00 'Til Death us do Part 8.30 Doctor, Doctor 9.00 Hogan's Heroes 9.30 Heres's Lucy 10.00 Guys n' Dolls 10.30 Barney Miller 11.00 Kids in the Hall 11.30 Laugh-In

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo Satellites. 6.30 Aerobicise 7.00 Netbusters 7.30 German Touring Cars 8.30 NFL Follies 9.00 Aerobicise 9.30 NHL Ice Hockey 10.30 Aerobicise 11.00 Superstars 12.00 Italian League Football 2.00 The Footballer's Football Show 3.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 4.00 Survival of the Fittest 5.00 World of Adventure 6.00 Netbusters 6.30 Torque 7.30 Wheels 8.00 Le Mans Offical Film 9.00 World Beach Volleyball 1991 10.00 NFL American Football 12.00 Inside Tennis 1.00am Netbusters

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
1.00pm Football Eurogoals Magazine 2.00 Cycling Grenoble France 3.00 Kick Boxing 4.00 Free Rock Climbing World Championships 5.00 Wrestling 5.00 Benelux Sport Magazine 6.30 Marathon Lisbon, Portugal 7.00 Darts World Championships Holland 8.00 Motorcycling Supercross Barcelona Spain 8.30 Eurosport News 9.00 Eurotop Event Tennis Paris Open 10.00 Football Eurocups 11.00 Eurolympics Albertville 11.30 News

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Eurobics 7.30 Pro Superbike 91 8.00 Spanish Football 8.30 Gillette World Sport Special 9.00 Sport de France 9.30 Eurobics 10.00 Horse Sport 10.30 Longitude 11.00 World Snooker Classics 1.00 Go 2.00 Eurobics 2.30 Ladies Pro Bowlers 3.30 British Open Ten Pin Bowling Championships 4.00 1991 IMSA Camel GT 5.00 Supercross 6.00 US College Football 7.00 Dutch Open Bowling Masters 8.00 US PGA Tour 91 10.00 Johnnie Walker Golf Report 10.10 Winter Sportscast-Olympics 92 10.40 British Open Ten Pin Bowling Championship 11.10 Bathurst 91 - The Great Race

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00 The Great American Gameshows 10.50 Coffee Break 10.55 Everyday Workout 11.25 Fashion File 12.00 Sally Jessy Raphael 12.50 What's New 12.55 Search for Tomorrow 1.20 A Life in the Week of...1.45 Afternoon Cinema 3.50 Tea Break 4.00 Dick Van Dyke 4.30 The Great American Gameshows 5.25 In Search of Wildlife 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

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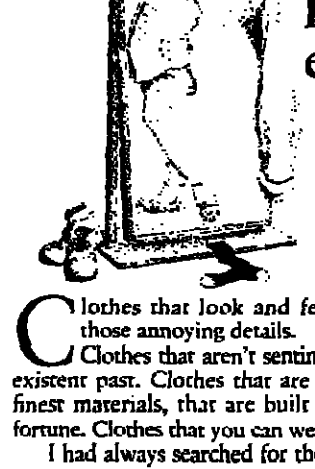

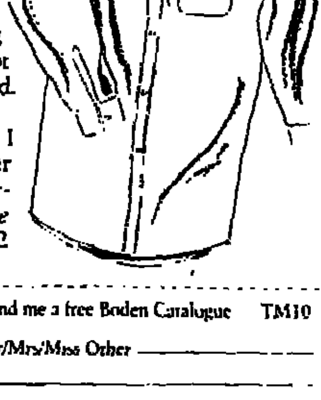

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Ravel (Alborada del gracioso: Detroit SO under Paul Paray); Ravel (Daphnis et Chloé: Suite No 2: Paris Orchestra under Charles Münch)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Boccherini (Symphony in A, Op 37 No 4: I Solisti Veneti under Scimone); Verdi (Bolero, I vespri siciliani, Act 5: Czech PO under Friedrich Haider, with Edita Gruberová, soprano); Hummel (Trumpet Concerto in E flat: Consort of London under Robert Haydon Clark, with Maurice Murphy); Dvořák (Polonaise, Rusalka: Czech PO under Václav Neumann)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Bizet. Aurore, Chants du Rhin No 1 (Setrak, piano); Les Pêcheurs de perles, Act 1, excerpt (Toulouse Capitole Orchestra under Michel Plasson); Chanson d'avril (Elly Ameling, soprano, Rudolf Jansen, piano); Symphonic suite: Roma (Orchestre National de Lille under Jean-Claude Casadesus)
9.35 Midweek Choice. With Susan Sharpe. Mozart (Divertimento no 15 in B flat K 287, Mvts 1-3: ECO under Jeffrey Tate); Verdi (Santo di patria, Attila, Act 1: LSO under Richard Bonynge, with Joan Sutherland, soprano); Vaughan Williams (Violin Sonata in A minor: Hugh Bean, David Parkhouse, piano); Nielsen (Organ Preludes, Op 51 nos 28 and 29, with two supplementary preludes: Elisabeth Westenholz, organ); Brahms (Geistliches Lied, Op 30: Bristol Cathedral Choir under Malcolm Archer, with Anthony Pinel, organ); Scriabin (Poem of Ecstasy, Op 54: Chicago SO under Neeme Järvi); Bozza (Fantaisie pastorale, Op 37: Hansjörg Schellenberger, oboe, Rolf Koenen, piano); Schubert, arr Liszt (Die Forelle; Die Müller und der Bach: Jorge Bolet, piano); Bliss (The Pigeon Song, Pastoral: Holst Orchestra under Hilary Davan Wetton, with Shirley Minty, mezzo-soprano); Mozart (Divertimento No 15 in B flat, K 287, Mvts 4-6: ECO under Tate)
12.00 Malcolm Arnold. BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth performs Arnold's Symphonic poem: Larch Trees (conducted by the composer); Concerto for piano duet and strings; Ballet suite: Sweeney Todd
1.00pm News
1.05 Concert Hall. The Alberni Quartet gives a live performance of Mozart (Flute Quartet in A, K 298); Haydn (String Quartet in C, Op 76 No 3, Emperor); Mozart (Flute Quartet in D, K285)
2.00 Record Review (r)
3.10 Vintage Years. Pianist Robert Casadesus performs Ravel's Le Tombeau de Couperin; Gaspard de la nuit
4.00 Choral Evensong
5.00 Ten Pairs of Kisses. Hungarian songs played by the Gypsy Salon Orchestras of Antal Szalai, Sandor Lakatos and Karoly Puka
5.30 Mainly for Pleasure
7.00 News
7.05 Die Soldaten. Opera by Bernd Alois Zimmermann. Performed by the Staatstheater Stuttgart under Kontarsky
9.30 The Paradox of American Democracy

● CHOICE: In his investigation of the US Supreme Court — the nine unelected lawyers comprising probably the most powerful judicial body on earth — Conor Gearty brings a ferret-like tenacity to bear on his interviews with past and present pillars of the US legal system and with some of those who challenge the court's right to impose laws without electoral sanction. By his own admission, Gearty, an academic lawyer, is almost rude to the member of the court who wrote the 1973 decision that gave women the constitutional right to abortion. No-one gets off the hook that Gearty baits

10.15 C. P. E. Bach and Bartók. Hanson Quartet performs C. P. E. Bach (Flute Concerto in G); Bartók (String Quartet No 4); C. P. E. Bach (Flute Concerto in D Minor).
11.30 News
11.35 Composers of the Week: Szymanowski (Symphony No 3; Violin Concerto No 2, Op 61; Roxana's Song, King Roger) (r)
1.00 (FM only except in Scotland) Night School (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
6.00am News Briefing; incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today; incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.25, 8.25 Sport 8.40 Yesterday in Parliament 8.58 Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Midweek. With Libby Purves.
10.00 News; Daily Service Pilgrimage. Hildesheim — Repentance
10.00 Wonderlandscapes: The Rectory Umbrella (FM only) (s)
10.15 The Bible: Deuteronomy read by Martin Jarvis
10.30 Woman's Hour. Jenni Murray meets the actress Tsai Chin; incl 11.00 News
11.30 Gardeners' Question Time with Clay Jones
12.00 News; You and Yours. With Debbie Thrower
12.25pm Mrs Donaldson at 60. A poverty-stricken widow fights back. By Constance Cox (s) (r); 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers; 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Shanti and the Dead Poet by Judy Leather. Shanti, a 16-year-old Hindu girl, questions the concept of an arranged marriage after watching the film Dead Poets' Society (s)
2.47 Treasure Islands. Ruth McCarthy on Christmas reading
3.00 News; File on 4 (r)
3.42 Masterspy. KGB defector Oleg Gordievsky talks to Michael Hartland about his life as a double agent (2/3)
4.00 News
4.05 Kaleidoscope. Nigel Andrews reviews this week's releases, including Terry Gilliam's The Fisher King, starring Robin Williams and Jeff Bridges. Plus studio guests Kathleen Turner and the a cappella group Take Six (s)
4.45 Short Story: Scream, Scream. By Glenda Beagan
5.00 PM; 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Not As Funny As It Used to Be, A celebration of Punch magazine (s) (r)
7.00 News; 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Living With The Legend. Lord of the Californian. In the first of six programmes focusing on legendary figures and the legacy they have passed on to their descendants, Roger Wilkes meets Stanley Lord Jr., the son of the man blamed for ignoring the distress signals of the Titanic
7.45 All in the Mind with Professor Anthony Clare (r)
8.15 Opinion: Intelligent Education Hans Eysenck argues for intelligence testing within the education system
8.45 The Reith Lecture Interview

● CHOICE: What sort of a man is Dr Steve Jones, reader in genetics at University College, London? And what is his scientific credo? These aren't academic questions. Dr Jones will be giving the first of his Reith Lectures on Radio 4 next Wednesday night, so we have a week to digest the basic information we get in tonight's curtain-raising interview by Peter Evans. Dr Jones warns us to be wary of scientists who believe that the new developments in genetics that are transforming our understanding of human evolution are also telling us something profound about the human condition

9.15 The Art of Insult: Blasphemy and Obscenity. Attila the Stockbroker casts his critical eye over two thousand years of verbal abuse, focusing on insults in Catholic and Protestant countries (s)
9.30 Kaleidoscope (r) (s)
9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s). 9.59 Weather
10.00 The World Tonight (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Zuleika Dobson. A beautiful conjurer breaks the hearts of Oxford's undergraduates, with alarming results. Geoffrey Beevers reads from Max Beerbohm's book (part 6) (s)
11.00 The Forks of War (r) (s)
11.30 Today in Parliament
12.00am News 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.43 LW joins World Service 5.55 Shipping Forecast

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 6.00am Simon Mayo 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Let's Do Lunch with Gary Davies 3.00 Nicky Campbell 5.30 News 91 6.00 Jakki Brambles 7.30 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 The Man Ezeke Sunshine Show 10.00 Johnnie Walker Goes into the Night 12.00am Bob Harris (FM only) 4.00 Gary King (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.00am Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Mark Wynter 11.00 Jimmy Young 1.05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Barry Cryer 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Back to Square One 7.30 Donta's Latin Music Show 8.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 9.00 Nigel Ogden. The Organist Entertains 9.30 Teddy Johnson Reminiscing 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade with Digby Fairweather 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music 4.00 Alex Lester. The Early Show

RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour until 7.00pm. 6.00am World Service Newsdesk 6.30 Morning Edition 9.00 For Schools: Topic Resources 7-9. 9.15 Dance Workshop. 9.35 Verse Universe; 9.45 Time and Tune, 10.05 Drama Workshop 10.25 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 10.40 Johnnie Walker with The Family Business 12.30pm Education Matters 1.00 News Update 1.15 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 1.30 SFBS Worldwide. Simon and the Squad 2.30 World Service: Discovery 3.05 Outlook 3.30 Keep To The Path 3.45 Seeing Stars 4.05 Development 91 4.35 Five Aside 7.15 Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids 7.30 Spinning Star: Scorpio 8.00 Champion Sport 10.00 News and Sport 10.10 Hit the North 12.00am News and Sport 12.10 Close

WORLD SERVICE

All times GMT. 4.30 World Business Report 4.40 Travel & Weather News 4.45 News & Press Review in German 5.00 Morgenmagazin 5.24 News in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 News 7.09 24 Hours, News Summary 7.30 Development '91 8.00 News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 Mediawatch 8.30 Where In The World 9.00 News 9.05 World Business Report live 9.15 Country Style 9.30 After the War Was Over 9.45 Sports Roundup 10.00 News Summary 10.30 Jazz for the Asking 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 World News 12.09 News About Britain 12.15 New Ideas 12.35 A Small Matter Of Taste 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 Newshour 2.00 World News 2.05 Outlook live 2.30 Off The Shelf: Narrative Of The Life Of Frederick Douglass An American Slave 2.45 Good Books 3.00 World News 3.15 Mediawatch 3.30 It's A Funny Old World 4.00 News 4.09 News About Britain 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News & Business Report 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 German features 7.54 News in German 8.00 News & Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 Europe Tonight 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News 10.05 From Our Own Correspondent 10.20 Sports International 10.50 From Our Own Correspondent 10.20 Sports International 10.50 Sports Roundup 11.00 World News 11.05 World Business Report 11.15 Good Books 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30 It's A Funny Old World 1.00 World News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.40 Book Choice 1.45 The Farming World 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Sports International 3.00 World News 3.09 News about Britain 3.15 Sports Roundup 3.30 Assignment 4.00 Newsdesk

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Repossessed houses to go to homeless

By Ray Clancy

REPOSSESSED houses are to be made available to homeless families under a scheme announced by the government yesterday aimed at reducing the numbers on council waiting lists and restoring confidence in the depressed property market.

The plan, announced by Sir George Young, the housing minister, was immediately condemned by councils as "costly, wasteful and hypocritical". Associations representing local authorites said the government had its priorites wrong and was trying to help lenders when it should be concentrating on preventing people in arrears being thrown out of their homes.

Sir George said the scheme would help mortgage lenders recoup some of the money they lose when trying to sell empty repossessed homes at a time when their number has reached record levels. Building societies have been unable to sell empty properties at market prices. Town and Country building society is negotiating a rescue package after losing millions of pounds in mortgage arrears and repossessions.

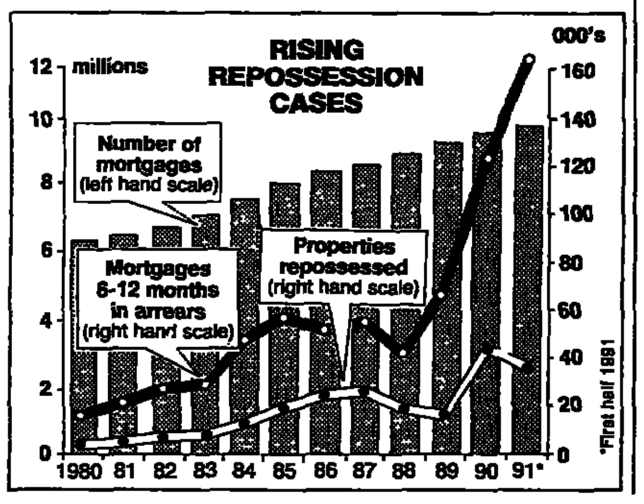
The scheme allows lenders to make empty properties available to housing associations who will act as agents and let them to homeless families nominated by local authorities. Rental periods ranging from one to three years are envisaged.

Geoff Matthews, principle policy officer responsible for housing, for the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the plan was a waste of resources. "It will cause unnecessary suffering and is a poor substitution for a mortgage rescue scheme. It recognises that mortgage lenders are losing money on empty properties and gives them a way of bringing in some income. But the priorites of the government are all wrong. It appears the government wants to help mortgage lenders at the expense of mortgagees who should be offered more help."

Pete Challis, chairman of the Association of London Authorities housing committee, said: "This scheme will not help people stay in their own homes. They will be made homeless and the local authority will have to pay to put them in temporary accommodation. The council will then have to pay to lease repossessed property. This is an unnecessary and costly exercise when much expense and heartache could have been avoided by helping the original family stay in their own home."

Theoretically a family whose home is repossessed could end up renting their old home, but the environment department and the Council of Mortgage Lenders said such a scenario was unlikely. An estimated 12 per cent of households declared homeless by councils are due to reposessions. In London 60,000 people are more than three months in arrears, according to an ALA survey.

Mark Boleat, CML's director general said, however, that the scheme would work in a positive way for everyone concerned. "The number of properties being taken into possession is depressing the market, which in turn is retarding a recovery. If properties can be taken off the market, this will both speed up the recovery in the immediate future and reduce any overheating subsequently by the properties being fed back into the market.



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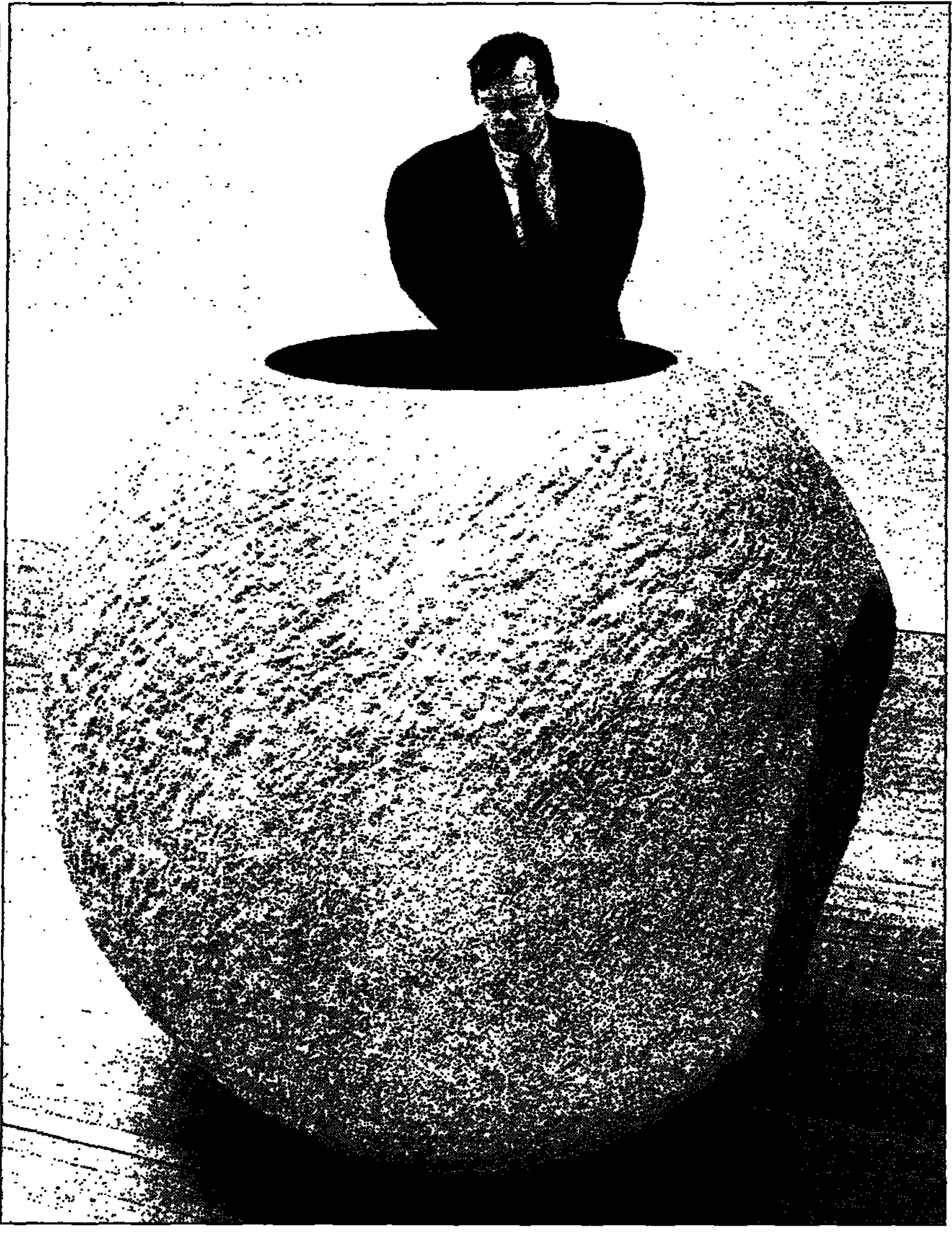


Deep in thought: a visitor peers into a sculpture by Anish Kapoor, the artist's contribution to an exhibition by Turner Prize finalists which opens today at the Tate Gallery in London. The winner will be named on November 26.

Political sketch

MPs in a flush of indignation

"I'M not an expert, but surely this is something to do with the menopause," said Mr Speaker. His brow furrowed. Under that woolly wig, and squeezed into those lisle gaiters and tight little shoes, the hot flushes must bother him something awful.

"Your remarks betray the ignorance of men," shouted Newcastle's Jim Cousins (Lab). Teresa Gorman (C, Billericay) gave him a smiling thumbs-up sign.

"The hon member should visit the South Cleveland hospital to see the bone densitometer scanner," protested Mrs Virginia Bottomley …

MPs were discussing the menopause. Mrs Gorman had accused ministers of making menopause research "the Cinderella of medicine". The Billericay MP appeared, in this context, in the role of Fairy Godmother to the orphan science.

The role of Buttons — the well-intentioned but slightly gormless male — was played by young Jim Cousins from Newcastle. He and the Billericay Fairy ganged up on the minister, Virginia Bottomley. Mrs B is about as unsuitable a conscript for the role of of Wicked Stepmother as Julie Andrews.

"It is not possible to identify the range of conditions associated with the menopause," said the Wicked Stepbottomley, and stammered something puzzling about "post-menopausal osteoporosis".

Pouf. The Billericay Fairy sprang forward, with tidings concerning the International Menopause Conference. You *shall* go to the International Menopause Conference. The Stepbottomly hit back at her with her bone densitometer scanner. Geordie Buttons came to the rescue with sympathetic noises about aching joints.

It was then that genial Mr Speaker (rather like Cinders' harmless old buffer of a dad) blundered unwisely in. He suggested that this was supposed to be about the menopause, not aching joints. *Everybody* — the Stepbottomley, Buttons and the Billericay Fairy — glared at the Chair. Didn't he know? We trembled lest, so close to the final curtain of a distinguished speakership, kindly Mr Weatherill should become a figure of hatred on *The Guardian's* Women's Page. Mr Speaker withdrew in confusion, wig a-tremble.

Employing diversionary tactics, the Stepbottomley started to lecture us about HRT. I understand that the 'H' stands for "hormone" but, moments later and perhaps under the impression that hair replacement therapy was under discussion, Neil Kinnock scampered in. He had come for PMQs — prime minister's questions.

PMT — prime ministerial tension — is a well-documented complaint, affecting middle-aged politicians of a certain age and standing. Among the symptoms are a tightening of the vocal chords and recurrent feelings of edginess and aggression. Your sketchwriter is happy to report that Mr Major, who at first was troubled by all these complaints, seems to be over the worst. He was cool and measured, yesterday. His response to Mr Kinnock and others was limited to polite factual correction.

At this he excels. Mr Major loses any competition for passionate rhetoric, and always will. Mr Kinnock flounders in the face of close reasoning, and always will. It seems to me that, as in normal circumstances a prime minister chooses his dispatch box weaponry, Mr Major's friends should stop thrusting the megaphone at him, and leave him instead, to his blackboard and piece of chalk.

MATTHEW PARRIS

Oxford dons clam up to scupper compilers of Norrington table

By John O'Leary
HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

OXFORD dons voted yesterday against compiling a sophisticated comparison of college examination results to challenge the Norrington table, opting instead for a blunt instrument to dispose of the much-criticised league.

Congregation, the university parliament, voted 69-26 to remove college affiliations from all pass lists to prevent newspapers from compiling the table. The issue will go to a postal ballot of Oxford's 2,500 academic staff.

First suggested by Sir Arthur Norrington, a former president of Trinity College in a letter to *The Times* in 1963, the table has been accused of damaging colleges on the strength of minor variations in degree results. Sir Arthur is said by his widow to have thought up the idea of ranking colleges according to the degree classifications of their students in his bath.

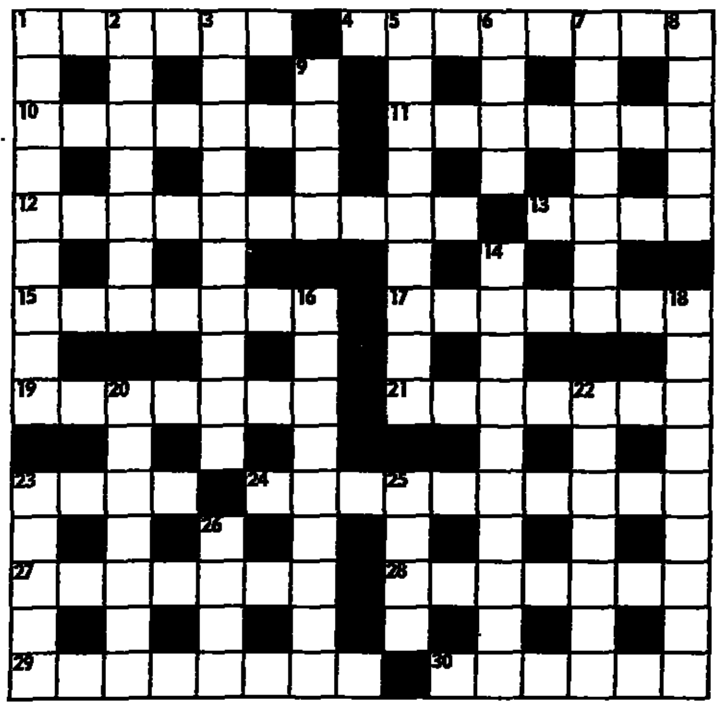
The table, compiled without the university's blessing since 1964, has become increasingly unpopular as rivalry between the colleges has acquired financial, as well as academic, significance. There were plans to remove college names from this year's pass lists until it was found that the university's statutes did not allow it.

Anxious not be seen suppressing information when the government is pressing for greater openness over educational standards, Oxford's council, the university's executive body, recommended a different course. A review would find ways of compiling a more sophisticated, official series of tables comparing colleges' performance.

Before yesterday's meeting, however, 72 dons circulated a flysheet arguing for a five-year suspension of the publication of college names with degree class lists. "It is difficult to see how a 'fairer' table, which incorporates all known variables, would be other than a bureaucratic nightmare or so bristling with unforseen circumstances as to be almost useless," their statement said.

The opponents of an official table argued that such a development would imply university approval for competition between the colleges when effective teaching depended on co-operation. The university said that nobody had spoken in support of the Norrington table at the meeting.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,756



ACROSS

1 One consumed by rage is showing spirit (6).
4 Little notice may be taken when account is rendered by workman (8).
10 Glasnost rumoured to provide the perfect remedy (7).
11 Army unit ordered to seize equipment (7).
12 Rex is in voice (tenor) as a General, say (10).
13 Card players displaying intelligence (4).
15 Bridge players peer at honour (7).
17 Pain relief for anyone in smash and about dead (7).
19 Artistic medium in a tantrum at first (7).
21 Old England when first occupied (7).
23 Run to help Sally (4).
24 Inferior means of scoring for the supporter? (10).
27 In or out, he's prepared to wait (7).
28 Pitch has new layout (7).
29 Innkeeper perhaps a country fellow? Yes, originally (8).
30 Struggle to get hogs' leader into pen (6).

DOWN

1 Turn on second, grieved at having suffered blows (9).
2 An orchestra conducted by a failure? (4-3).
3 Revolvers to upset the balance of power (10).
5 Waiting to catch morning transport about due at the outskirts (9).
6 Intermittent flow from many a tear (4).
7 Descriptive language of publication that's about the track (7).
8 Wind-blown soil deprivation gripping East (5).
9 Sticks up for the self-satisfied (4).
14 In turmoil restoring W Berlin perhaps (10).
16 Discharged, having deserted (9).
18 Ability to put up with quarters provided on imprisonment (9).
20 Swirling mist — one from which to get wet (7).
22 Bet fags are produced for this conversational gathering in America (7).
23 Take a spin, parking in the centre, and drive back (5).
25 Puts out puss for drinks (4).
26 A British island to shout about (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,755

R	U	S	S	E	T	■	A	C	C	O	L	A	D	E
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Concise Crossword, page 19

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

WHIPPLETREE
a. The gallows
b. Cross-piece of a carriage
c. The walnut tree

TARANTAS
a. A lascivious dance
b. A trading vessel from Tarentum
c. A four-wheeled vehicle

PITHOS
a. A large storage jar
b. Overdone pathos
c. A pit pony

EUPATRID
a. A rich orphan
b. Dislike of the Irish
c. A Greek aristo

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THE LAST WORD IN CIGARS
CHAMBORD
COMPLIMENTS OF HENRI WINTERMANS

WEATHER

England and Wales will dawn bright and frosty. During the day the weather will turn more cloudy and there will be rain and drizzle in many places, but southeast England, the east, East Anglia and the Channel Islands will stay dry. Although dry at first, Northern Ireland and Scotland will have a cloudy day with occasional rain. Outlook: more wind and rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	16	61	f	Majorca	18	64	s
Akrotiri	20	68	s	Malaga	18	64	s
Alex'dria	21	70	c	Malta	23	73	s
Algiers	29	84	f	Melb'rne	16	61	c
Amst'dm	7	45	r	Miami*	26	79	f
Athens	20	68	s	Milan	7	45	f
Bahrain	32	90	s	Montreal*	2	36	s
Bangkok	32	90	f	Moscow	2	36	c
Barbads*	27	81	r	Munich	8	46	f
Barcelna	16	61	f	Nairobi	27	81	f
Beirut	22	72	f	Naples	18	64	c
Belgrade	10	50	f	N Delhi	28	82	s
Berlin	7	45	c	N York*	8	46	c
Bermuda*	29	84	s	Nice	20	68	s
Biarritz	13	55	c	Oslo	4	39	r
Borde'x	10	50	c	Paris	7	45	f
Brussels	6	43	r	Peking	8	46	c
Budapst	11	52	c	Perth	17	63	s
Cairo	23	73	s	Prague	7	45	c
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Reykjavik	4	39	r
Chicago*	-8	18	f	Rhodes	18	64	s
Ch'church	12	54	c	Rio de J	23	73	s
Cologne	8	46	r	Riyadh	33	91	s
C'phagn	7	45	c	Rome	19	66	f
Corfu	20	68	f	Salzburg	8	46	f
Dublin	6	43	s	S F'risco*	13	55	s
Faro	18	64	f	Santiago*	20	68	f
Florence	16	61	c	S Paulo*	21	70	f
Frankfurt	9	48	c	Seoul	14	57	s
Funchal	22	72	c	Sing'por	29	84	f
Geneva	8	46	f	St'kholm	7	45	c
Gibraltar	17	63	s	Strasb'rg	8	46	c
Helsinki	7	45	c	Sydney	24	75	s
Hong K	24	75	s	Tangier	18	64	f
Innsbrck	10	50	f	Tel Aviv	18	64	f
Istanbul	14	57	s	Tenerife	24	75	f
Jeddah	31	88	s	Tokyo	17	63	s
Jo'burg*	26	79	s	Toronto*	0	32	c
Karachi	30	86	s	Tunis	24	75	f
L Palmas	25	77	s	Valencia	19	66	s
Le Tquet	7	45	c	Vanc'ver*	9	48	f
Lisbon	16	61	f	Venice	10	50	c
Locarno	13	55	f	Vienna	12	54	s
London	7	45	f	Warsaw	10	50	f
L Angels*	27	81	s	Wash'ton*	3	37	c
Luxembg	6	43	c	Wel'nton	11	52	d
Luxor	24	75	f	Zurich	7	45	c
Madrid	12	54	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.5	1.30	9	48	shower
Anglesey	0.3	.15	10	50	shower
Belfast	1.0	.16	9	48	shower
Birmingham	3.1	.12	8	46	shower
Bognor Regis	5.8	.12	10	50	shower
Bournemouth	6.3	.19	11	52	sunny
Bristol	4.1	.28	9	48	shower
Buxton	0.8	.61	6	43	shower
Cardiff	3.9	.25	9	48	sunny
Clacton	4.8	.12	9	48	sunny
Douglas	-	.13	9	48	shower
Edinburgh	-	.06	9	48	rain
Eskdalemuir	0.8	.32	7	45	rain
Exmouth	4.2	.12	11	52	shower
Folkestone	3.8	.28	10	50	bright
Glasgow	-	-	9	48	cloudy
Guernsey	5.8	.37	11	52	gale
Hastings	4.8	.36	9	48	sunny
Hunstanton	3.5	.12	8	46	rain
Jersey	3.5	.74	11	52	hail
Kinloss	0.1	.60	9	48	rain
Leeds	0.4	.14	8	46	rain
Lerwick	2.8	.31	7	45	hail
London	4.2	.06	11	52	shower
Lowestoft	4.0	.06	8	46	rain
Manchester	0.4	.11	9	48	shower
Minehead	4.0	.48	10	50	hail
Morecambe	-	.18	9	48	rain
Newcastle	0.3	.29	8	46	rain
Newquay	4.8	.17	11	52	shower
Nottingham	2.3	.26	7	45	rain
Penzance	6.1	.31	12	54	hail
Plymouth	6.3	.27	10	50	shower
Sandown	6.4	.25	10	50	sunny
Scarborough	-	.39	7	45	rain
Scilly Isles	6.5	.16	11	52	sunny
Shanklin	6.1	.13	10	50	sunny
Southsea	5.8	.04	10	50	sunny
Stornoway	2.3	.29	8	46	shower
Swanage	6.4	.06	11	52	sunny
Tenby	4.1	.22	10	50	bright
Tiree	1.7	.06	9	48	shower
Torquay	5.7	.11	11	52	sunny
Wick	2.5	.38	8	46	shower
Worthing	4.8	.10	10	50	sunny

These are Monday's figures

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.30	2.15
Austria Sch	21.50	20.00
Belgium Fr	62.65	58.65
Canada $	2.10	1.94
Denmark Kr	11.99	11.04
Finland Mkk	7.45	7.00
France Fr	10.38	9.68
Germany Dm	3.035	2.835
Greece Dr	349.00	323.00
Hong Kong $	14.35	13.35
Ireland Pt	1.135	1.065
Italy Lira	2280.00	2130.00
Japan Yen	245.75	227.75
Netherlands Gld	3.415	3.198
Norway Kr	11.96	11.16
Portugal Esc	261.00	243.00
South Africa Rd	5.10	4.50
Spain Pta	190.00	177.00
Sweden Kr	11.13	10.38
Switzerland Fr	2.67	2.50
Turkey Lira	8800.00	8000.00
USA $	1.865	1.735
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp max 6 am to 6 pm, 08C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am, -03C (27F). Rain 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

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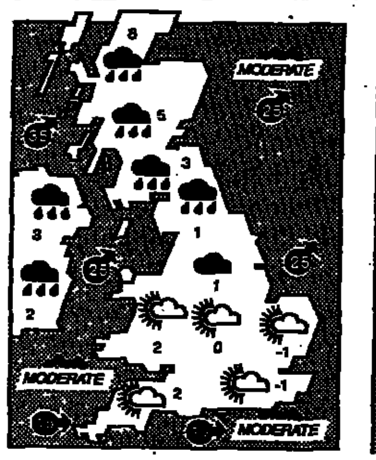

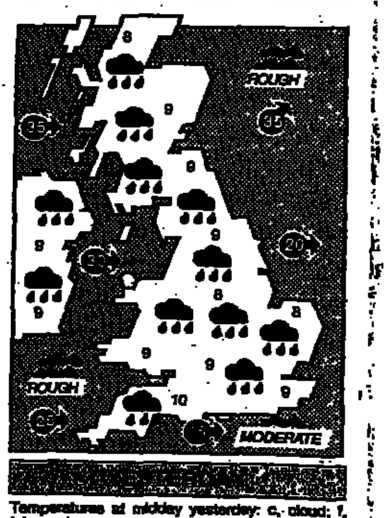

LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 4.26 pm to 7.04 am
Bristol 4.36 pm to 7.13 am
Edinburgh 4.23 pm to 7.31 am
Manchester 4.28 pm to 7.19 am
Penzance 4.51 pm to 7.21 am

Sun rises: 7.02 am
Sun sets: 4.26 pm
Moon rises 7.17 am
Moon sets 3.54 pm
New moon 11.11 am

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 07C (45F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 02C (36F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.9 hr.

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	5	41	f	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'rmgham	6	43	s	Inverness	5	41	c
Blackpool	7	45	s	Jersey	8	46	f
Bristol	8	46	f	London	7	45	f
Cardiff	8	46	f	M'nchster	6	43	s
Edinburgh	5	41	s	Newcastle	6	43	f
Glasgow	6	43	s	R'nldsway	8	46	s

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 12C (54F); lowest day max: Aviemore, Highland, 06C (43F); highest rainfall: Aviemore, Highland, 1.34 in; highest sunshine: Isles of Scilly, 6.5 hr.

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.20	7.2	1.35	7.1	Liverpool	10.45	9.3	11.04	9.3
Aberdeen	12.34	4.3	12.59	4.2	Lowestoft	8.46	2.6	9.22	2.4
Avonmouth	6.48	13.0	7.04	13.0	Margate	11.32	4.8	00.00	4.7
Belfast	10.37	3.4	10.49	3.6	Milford Haven	5.42	6.9	6.01	6.9
Cardiff	6.33	12.0	6.49	12.0	Newquay	4.33	6.9	4.52	6.9
Devonport	5.19	5.5	5.36	5.5	Oban	5.18	3.9	5.24	3.9
Dover	10.31	6.6	10.54	6.5	Penzance	4.17	5.6	4.33	5.6
Falmouth	4.49	5.3	5.06	5.3	Portland	6.39	2.3	6.56	2.2
Glasgow			12.32	4.9	Portsmouth	11.03	4.9	11.24	4.8
Harwich	11.22	4.0	11.47	3.9	Shoreham	10.37	6.2	10.58	6.1
Holyhead	9.46	5.5	10.04	5.6	Southampton	10.24	4.6	10.45	4.5
Hull	5.37	7.4	6.05	7.3	Swansea	5.50	9.6	6.06	9.6
Ilfracombe	5.23	9.0	5.42	9.0	Tees	2.58	5.4	3.18	5.3
King's Lynn	5.50	6.6	6.17	6.5	W'ton-on-Nze	11.13	4.2	11.42	4.2
Leith	1.55	5.6	2.17	5.5					

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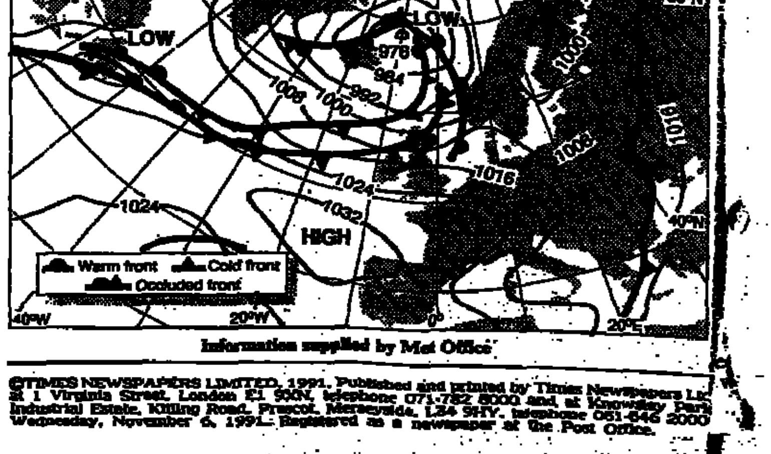

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TIP Europe, the trailer rental company, launched a five-for-six rights issue to raise £29 million for investment in its European operations. David Callear, finance director, becomes chief executive
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CBS HOPES

Vivien Leigh was propelled from obscurity to stardom in *Gone With The Wind*. CBS hopes the film's sequel on television will rescue its ailing finances
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BID FOR TELFOS

Telfos, the troubled manufacturer of locomotives and rolling stock, has succumbed to a £51 million bid by Jenbacher, which already spoke for 29 percent of the company's shares
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BAe PLEA

Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, urged the government to help prevent the industry from walking up a blind alley in a period of great change
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THE POUND

US dollar
1.7685 (-0.0090)
German mark
2.9065 (-0.0006)
Exchange index
91.2 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
1948.1 (+12.8)
FT-SE 100
2540.9 (+13.1)
New York Dow Jones
3047.18 (+1.56)*
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
24950.86 (-93.38)

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 10½%
3-month Interbank 10^{15}⁄$_{32}$-10⅞%
3-month eligible bills: 10^{1}⁄$_{32}$-10%
US: Prime Rate 8%
Federal Funds 4^{15}⁄$_{16}$%*
3-month Treasury Bills 4.75-4.74%*
30-year bonds 101⅞-101^{29}⁄$_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7695	£: $1.7700*
£: DM2.9064	$: DM1.6423*
£: SwFr2.5649	$: SwFr1.4485*
£: FFr9.9367	$: FFr5.6120*
£: Yen229.77	$: Yen129.80*
£: Index 91.2	$: Index 63.5
ECU £0.703839	SDR £0.778029
£: ECU1.420779	£: SDR1.285299

London forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $356.45 pm-$356.55
close $356.30-356.80 (£201.70-202.20)
New York:
Comex $357.25-357.75*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Dec) .... $22.45 bbl ($22.40)

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 134.6 September (1987=100)
* Denotes midday trading price

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Shape up or lose custom, firms told

Business given green warning by Heseltine

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

MICHAEL Heseltine, the environment secretary, yesterday warned British business that it was likely to lose out in the lucrative environmental market unless it improved its own green performance.

Speaking at the final session of the annual conference of the Confederation of British Industry in Bournemouth, Mr Heseltine emphasised the close connection between business and the environment, and insisted that the cost to business of failing to meet the environmental challenge would be high.

Significantly, the CBI devoted the entire final day of its two-day conference to the issue of green business.

Though Mr Heseltine was careful to avoid straying from environmental business concerns to wider industrial issues, his well-received speech was being favourably compared by delegates to the previous day's address from Peter Lilley, the industry secretary.

Rumours are circulating strongly in Whitehall that Mr Heseltine would be likely to succeed Mr Lilley at a revamped trade and industry department in a cabinet reshuffle if the Conservatives win the general election.

One pro-Heseltine business leader said after Mr Heseltine's speech: "Now *that* was an industry secretary."

Mr Heseltine, though, was critical of industry's environmental performance, warning business leaders that they "will only compete and win if you reach out for higher environmental standards than your competitors."

Led by the law, the EC and most importantly the consumer, the market was increasingly demanding such higher environmental performance. Mr Heseltine said the European dimension was particularly important: "The single market will be a green market." The public desire for a better environment was a fact of the market place businesses could not afford to ignore.

While he rejected the idea that industrialists and entrepreneurs were "selling their environmental souls for short-term profit", he said that the penalties for failing to grasp the opportunities offered by green business were not just environmental, but economic too. "If British business does not offer the public the greener choices and the higher environmental standards they want, then other countries' businesses will."

Green business was now a £2,000 billion market in Europe and America, he said, and latest estimates suggested that the EC would spend 2-3 per cent of the combined GDP of its member states on environmental improvements during the Nineties. Listing a number of British organisations that have recently had to go overseas for their environmental products and processes, he questioned whether Britain would be exporting to the EC on the issue, or whether the EC would be exporting to Britain.

He said: "Business success and environmental success are nearly always found in association with each other. Poor environmental performance is likely to be a sign of poor market performance. The most profitable companies are often the cleanest."

The CBI announced the formation of a new Environment Business Forum to improve environmental performance by British companies.

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Hawker pledges increased payout

By MATTHEW BOND

HAWKER Siddeley, the engineering group, yesterday promised shareholders that it would increase its next two dividend payments by 30 per cent, if it is successful in fighting off the £1.5 billion takeover bid from BTR, the conglomerate.

The pledged increase in dividends comes despite the company admitting that pre-tax profits are expected to fall to £130 million from £140.4 million last year.

The defence document, posted to shareholders yesterday, said this year's final dividend would be increased 30 per cent to 19.5p (15p) making a total of 29.5p (25p). The company also said it would increase next year's interim dividend 30 per cent to 13p (10p), which, together with a promise to at least maintain the level of final dividend, would give a total 1992 payout of 32.5p.

Alan Watkins, Hawker's chief executive, said: "BTR's bid is at a discount to the capital goods sector and offers no adequate premium for control." The defence document says that BTR's 70p a shares cash alternative offers shareholders an exit earnings multiple of only 16.9, compared with an average for the stock market's capital goods sector of 18.1. Dr Watkins said that if £25 million of one-off reorganisation costs were stripped out of the 1991 figures, the exit multiple dropped to 14.3.

Dr Watkins confirmed that Hawker was well advanced on its controversial restructuring plan.

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Watkins: defending bid

New figures signal upswing

By ANATOLE KALETSKY, ECONOMICS EDITOR

FURTHER statistical evidence that Britain's recession is probably over emerged with the publication of the official index of leading indicators. The shorter leading index, which generally signals turning points in the economy about four months before they occur, rose sharply in July, August and September.

On the evidence of these figures, the Central Statistical Office concluded that a turning point in the shorter leading index had probably been reached in May.

The shorter index for September increased to 94.5 from 93 in August. The August figure, in turn, was significantly higher than the July index of 91.6. The July index was revised upwards from an estimate of 91.1 published a month ago. The revised July index was significantly higher than the figures of 90.8 and 90.6 reported for June and May respectively.

The average lag of four months between a trough in the shorter index and an upswing in the economy would indicate a turning point in September.

But government statisticians cautioned against exaggerating the precision of the figures. In the past, economic swings have sometimes lagged as much as 16 months behind turning points in the shorter leading index. The indices for August and September were based on still-incomplete information. Of the five economic indicators that make up the shorter index, only three were available for August and September — new car registrations, new orders and expected changes in stocks.

However, the likelihood that the recession reached its trough in the early autumn was also suggested by the CSO's longer leading index. In past recessions this has turned, on average, ten months before the economy. In the present cycle, the longer index turned in May 1990.

Holmes flies into a storm at BA

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
AIR CORRESPONDENT

DAVID Holmes, former top civil servant in the Department of Transport, this week began work as head of government and industry affairs for British Airways, and stepped into a minefield as an ever-growing list of protagonists lined up to take on the embattled airline.

Virgin Atlantic has complained to the European Commission that BA has been indulging in "serious anti-competitive behaviour"; Airbus Industrie is alleging that it conspired with Boeing to freeze it out of a £2 billion order for a fleet of new aircraft; Rolls-Royce has asked the Office of Fair Trading to investigate the sale of BA's engineering base in Wales to an American manufacturer; and Virgin is seeking to grab one of two highly prized services between Heathrow and Tokyo that have now become available.

While Mr Holmes and teams of lawyers fight off these attacks, BA is struggling to find 30 per cent savings at Gatwick, to reduce costs drastically in the regions, and to produce a new wages formula that will be acceptable to pilots, crew and engineering staff at its loss-making airports.

Unless the savings can be made at Gatwick many scheduled services will have to be brought back to Heathrow.

Senior executives are deep in talks with both KLM in Holland and Northwest in America over a possible alliance, while others are in Moscow helping to set up the new Air Russia. At least one of the projects will inevitably lead to legal clashes.

By the middle of the month the Civil Aviation Authority will announce how much it will allow the British Airports Authority to charge for landing fees over the next five years. If it refuses to budge from the present formula of RPI minus eight per cent, BAA has made it clear it will be unable to go ahead with plans to build a fifth terminal at Heathrow exclusive to BA, condemning BA to many more years as the only major airline in the world to have its long-haul and short-haul operations split between two terminals at its main base.

At about the same time, Virgin will open its case before the CAA for another scheduled service to Tokyo, arguing that the two slots that have become available for British carriers should not both go to BA.

Senior executives have put a deadline of the end of the year on reaching an agreement with unions in the regions about cutting wages and operating costs and, preferably, the creation of a new airline, in which BA would have a 51 stake, to operate short-haul services from those airports. If they fail, the whole operation could be in jeopardy.

British Airways was the only major international airline that made a profit, albeit small, in the three months to July and is expected to do much better in the next three months.

PHIL YEOMANS

Making connections: Michael Heseltine speaking at Bournemouth yesterday

BT shares to offer loyalty incentive

By GRAHAM SEARJEANT
FINANCIAL EDITOR

SMALL investors are to be offered loyalty incentives for holding on to British Telecom shares if they buy them in the government's £5 billion sale and keep them long enough to pay the second and third instalments. Buyers of up to 1,500 BT shares can choose a one-for-ten bonus if they hold until the end of 1994.

Alternatively, investors may choose a discount of about 8 per cent of the offer price on holdings of up to 1,000 shares.

The discount, worth a maximum of about £300, depending on the final price, will be split between the second and third instalments.

The incentives will only be available for investors registered with the share information office. The minimum application will be for 100 shares, worth nearly £400 at current prices.

The loyalty discount is separate from the fixed discount to be offered to small investors on the first instalment, which will be decided later.

After rising in the first weeks of the marketing campaign to a peak of 423.5p, BT shares have fallen sharply over the past few weeks, especially, since the unexpected fall in second-quarter profits unveiled on Friday and the announcement by Oftel, the company's regulator, that it would issue a new paper on future price controls in the new year.

BT dipped a further 0.5p to 358.5p yesterday.

Woolwich board votes for merger

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE board of Woolwich Building Society unanimously agreed in principle to a merger with Town & Country Building Society. No dates for the proposed merger or for the meeting at which members will vote on it have been set.

Woolwich is continuing its checks of Town & Country's records. The checks are likely to take two more weeks to complete. It should then be possible to fix the special bonus for Town & Country's savers and borrowers.

Town & Country was forced to accept a merger by the Building Societies Commission when it became clear that it would report a £10 million loss this year.

Donald Kirkham, Woolwich's group chief executive, said: "From our preliminary examination of Town & Country's financial position, it seems that . . . Woolwich's financial strength would in no way be impaired by the merger." The interests of Woolwich's investors would be in no danger.

For the merger to go ahead, three quarters of the savers who vote need to be in favour and a simple majority of borrowers must vote for it.

Maxwell companies suspend share dealing

By ANGELA MACKAY

SHARES in Maxwell Communications and Mirror Group Newspapers were suspended on the London Stock Exchange after Robert Maxwell, chairman of both companies, was reported missing.

The companies moved swiftly to secure succession, with two of Mr Maxwell's sons, Kevin and Ian, assuming the chairmanship of MCC and Mirror Group respectively.

Shares in MCC dropped to 121p before the suspension, their lowest level this year, compared with Monday's closing price of 139p.

Brokers said the decline was attributed to speculation that Goldman Sachs, the American investment bank, had sold some of its stake in the group. Goldman Sachs emerged as holders of about 7.5 per cent of MCC and 9.98 per cent of Mirror Group after taking the shares as security against loans.

Mirror Group's shares were off ½p at 77½p — the lowest the stock has been since its flotation this year, which raised £200 million.

Both companies have been under pressure this year as investors and analysts try to pin down the exact debt levels of each company and the beneficial ownership of the stakes thought to be owned by Maxwell interests.

MCC's debts exceed £1.3 billion, and although the next tranche of $750 million is not due to be repaid until October 1992, market analysts have started to undermine the possibility of the company's planned demerger of its American assets, including Macmillan, the core publishing asset.

Mr Maxwell, who retained 51 per cent of Mirror Group through Robert Maxwell Holdings when it was floated, is believed to have mortgaged nearly one fifth of his holding to Midland Bank.

Analysts at Nomura, the stockbroker, said that when the suspensions are lifted Mirror Group is better insulated against a drop in its share value, because it was at arm's length to MCC, which did not hold a stake.

Mr Maxwell owns at least 30 per cent of MCC, but other private holdings are believed to boost this level up to just over 40 per cent.

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Cash call marks turning point for TIP Europe

THE market became aware just under a year ago that TIP Europe, the trailer rental company, had lost its way when a profit warning sent the shares plunging. Since then, the company's new head office team has not hidden the fact that it has had to deal almost exclusively with corporate problems while the operating management has been left to fend for itself.

That chapter in the company's history appeared to have closed yesterday with the announcement of a refinancing of TIP's multi-option borrowing facility and a £29 million five-for-six rights issue. The effect of these two announcements is to reduce gearing from 353 per cent to 168 per cent and simultaneously release funds for investment.

The rights issue is being co-underwritten by HAL Trust, a quoted Dutch family controlled investment vehicle, which hopes to take a 15 to 20 per cent stake in TIP. Happily for shareholders, the hard work has created a soundly financed company well placed for the upturn, when it comes. In the short term, however, TIP is still struggling with appalling market conditions in its domestic trailer rental business, which recorded a £2.2 million loss last year.

Trailer rental rates in the UK have barely moved in the past three years although David Callear, the new chief executive, reports that in the last few months rate rises have begun to stick. The picture on the Continent is far more bouyant.

The new shares, at 40p, are priced at a 38 per cent discount to the pre-announcement market price, although that includes a 1.75p dividend not available to holders of the new shares. Profits could recover to about £11 million this year, giving 6p of earnings on the expanded share base. If as much management energy is put into growing the company as has been expended on turning it round, the new shares must be worth taking up.

Controlling costs: Shay McKeown of Powerscreen

Powerscreen

POWERSCREEN International has demonstrated remarkable resilience for a company associated with the out-of-favour construction and quarrying industries. A broad geographical spread, with only a quarter of turnover attributable to Britain, and tight control of costs have helped the company through a difficult period.

So, too, have a succession of well timed acquisitions, including Guzzler Manufacturing, in America, which supplies truck-mounted equipment for removing sand from Gulf oil tanks and for clearing up oil spills.

Acquisitions have mainly been paid for in cash and even after the £4.4 million purchase of Finlay Engineering late last month the company, led by Shay McKeown, chief executive, expects to end the current year free of gearing.

The shares have risen from a 12-month low of 126p to 221p. Interim profits of £10.2 million, up from £9 million, and earnings of 9.1p a share, against 9p, were in line with expectations.

The interim dividend is nudged up from 1.6p to 1.7p and analysts forecast profits of around £19.5 million for the full year, up from £17 million, with earnings rising from 16.2p to 17.5p.

Finlay has yet to make a contribution and Guzzler's full impact has not come through to the bottom line. Europe, which accounts for 28 per cent of turnover, is offsetting much of the UK downturn. A p/e of 12.6 does not look too demanding.

STOCK MARKET

Maxwell Communications and Mirror suspended

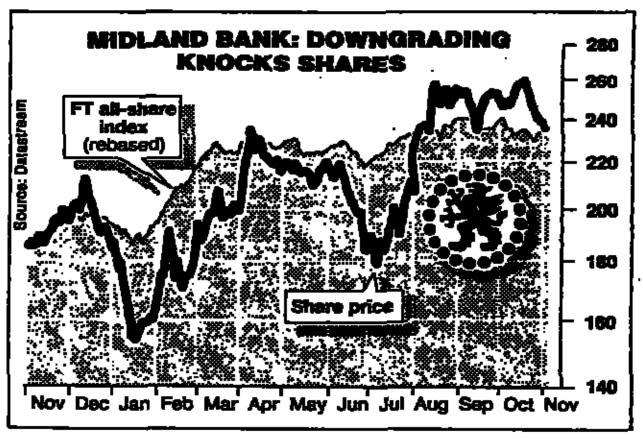
THE market was dominated by the news that Robert Maxwell, the publisher, was missing at sea. Dealings in **Maxwell Communication Corporation** and **Mirror Group Newspapers** were suspended at the companies' request at 121p and 77½p respectively against the previous night's close of 139p and 78p, before the afternoon announcement.

News had emerged earlier in the day that Goldman Sachs, the American securities group, had recently trimmed its stake in Maxwell Communications. Goldman disposed of 2.2 million ordinary shares, equivalent to 0.34 per cent in the company, reducing its holding to about 24.2 million shares, or 3.71 per cent. Maxwell Communications is in its close season, but there has been speculation about asset sales to reduce gearing.

Elsewhere, shares recovered from their recent weakness as an initial futures-led revival started some selective buying of blue chips. Vague hopes of another cut in interest rates, perhaps with next week's inflation figures, also helped to support equities, although caution still prevailed before the Chancellor's autumn statement today and tomorrow's by-elections.

An uncertain start on Wall Street dampened sentiment in London and shares closed below their best levels. The FT-SE 100 index ended 13.1 higher at 2,540.9. The FT index of 30 shares added 12.8 to 1,948.1. Trading was thin again, but volume reached 502.1 million, boosted by two small buy programmes late in the day. Government securities ended unchanged in spite of early gains of £¼. Meanwhile, the financial sectors were in the doldrums with investors increasingly worried about worsening bad debts.

MIDLAND BANK: DOWNGRADING KNOCKS SHARES



Midland Bank, which is heavily exposed to the Maxwell group, fell 8p to 228p after a downgrading by Kleinwort Benson. Kleinwort raised its loss forecast from £32 million to £60 million for the current year, against last time's profit of £11 million. The dividend forecast remains at 3.4p (9p).

In addition, Kleinwort has nearly halved its forecast for 1992 from £293 million to £150 million, with the forecast dividend cut from 9p to 4p. Kleinwort blames the downgradings on higher provisions than had been anticipated and questions underlying profits. A member of the banking team at Kleinwort said: "They seem determined to avoid a rights issue, but the balance sheet is not strong."

Barclays lost 12p to 403p after the negative view from Salomon Brothers on the bank's commercial property exposure. Elsewhere, **Lloyds** dipped 2p to 382p, **National Westminster** 3p to 309p and **Standard Chartered** 16p to 407p. Hire purchase issues were nervous, although **First National Finance**, initially down 6p, closed up 2p at 43p. **National Home Loans**, the troubled mortgage lender due to report final figures on Friday, lost another 1p to 6½p. A review on discount houses from Barclays de Zoete Wedd left **Gerrard & National** 6p weaker at 289p.

More depressed news on house prices saw **Tarmac** lose 11p to 161p, with Smith New Court suggesting the dividend could be in danger. Hawker Siddeley announced further details of its restructuring as it attempts to fend off the £1.5 billion hostile takeover bid from BTR. **Hawker** added 3p to 725p, with BTR bidding 724p in the market. **BTR** climbed 8½p to 399p.

Telfos, the ailing railway engineering group, surged 50p to 113p on news of an agreed, £51 million offer from Jenbacher, the Austrian engineering company. Jenbacher is offering 115p in cash for each Telfos share.

TIP Europe, the Anglo-Dutch trailer rentals and leasing group, was the latest to call on shareholders for funds. TIP is looking for £29.2 million. The shares fell 8p to 56p. TIP also unveiled a 61 per cent decline in full-year profits and a reduced dividend.

Continued hopes that **Asda's** £357 million rights issue, which closes on Friday, will be successful helped the shares add 1½p to 43½p. The nil paid firmed 1½p to 8½p.

Wellcome added 19p to 757p after the news of talks about the sale of the environmental health and diagnostic divisions. A Strauss buy recommendation gave a boost to **SmithKline Beecham**, a fellow pharmaceuticals group, with the A shares up 12½p to 800p.

Kleen-E-Ze jumped 9p to 45p on the news that Nigel Swabey has increased has stake by 3 per cent to to 14.06 per cent.

Wace Group added 3p to 254p after announcing a marketing agreement with Bowater. **Bunzl** was unchanged at 91p in spite of a buy recommendation from Credit Lyonnais Laing.

A Carr Kitcat & Aitken buy recommendation helped **Blacks Leisure** rise 2p to 115p. **Meggitt**, the specialist engineer, was unchanged at 102p, despite news of a 96.8 per cent take-up for its £39.6 million rights issue. **Domino Printing Sciences**, steady at 383p, received 98.5 per cent acceptances for its right issue.

PHILIP PANGALOS

Ladbroke eased 2p to 246p as UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, trimmed its profit forecast for this year from £200 million to £180 million, clean of property, against £305.6 million last year. Phillips has also cut its forecast for 1992 from £285 million to £250 million.

WORLD MARKETS

Tokyo dips in thin trading

Tokyo — Shares ended easier but above their daytime lows in thin, uninspired trading. The Nikkei index was down 93.38 points, or 0.37 per cent, to 24,950.86.

Turnover was about 200 million shares compared with 290 million on Friday. Monday was a national holiday. There were no incentives. The market had already taken into account a long-awaited cut in the discount rate.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index closed up 63.50 points, or 1.56 per cent, at a record 4,146.54. The previous closing high of 4,093.41 was on October 3. Rumours that a government anti-inflation package, to be announced today, would be relatively mild boosted the market. Turnover totalled HK$1.97 billion (£143 million), the heaviest in weeks. The broader Hong Kong index jumped 41.07 to 2707.91.

☐ **Singapore** — The market was closed for a holiday.

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Early setback for Dow

New York — Blue chips recovered from an opening drop and hovered near Monday's levels, lifted by small gains in Treasury bonds, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average was two points lower at 3,043.62.

The bond market was slightly firmer because of expectations of strong demand for the first leg of the quarterly refunding. Rising shares outnumbered falls by about five to four.

☐ **Sydney** — Steady buying in leading blue chips pushed the market sharply higher by the close of trading. The all-ordinaries index closed 11 points higher at 1,692.7.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Shares recovered from recent weakness with a 0.4 per cent rise, which, dealers hoped, could pave the way for further small gains later this week after four trading days of depressed prices. The Dax index rose 5.91 points to 1,576.12.

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RECENT ISSUES

Adam & Harvey (180)	196	–
Butte Mining Wrrnts	2½	–
Capital Ventures 1p	85	–
Culver 1p (4)	4	–
Do Capital (100)	91	–
Do Geared Units	61¾	+½
Do Income 1p (44)	44½	+½
Do Package Units (100)	97½	+½
Do Units	655	–
Drayton Recovery Trust (100)	98	–
Eng & Scot Wrrnts	20	–
European Motor 40p	128	–
Eurotunnel '91 Wrrnts	235	–
Frost Group (235)	266	–
Gartmore Scotland Inc (100)	111	–
M & G Income Cap 1p (28)	18¾	+¼
Vtech Holdings 5c (62¾)	63	–
Wills Group Wrrnts	2¾	–
Dumas Group 10p (25)	26	–
Simpsons of Cornhill 5p (50)	48	–

RIGHTS ISSUES

ASDA N/P (35)	8½	+1½
Anglo Eastern Plantations N/P (33)	8	–
British Thornton 5p N/P (10)	¾	–
European Motor 40p N/P (100)	28	–
Serco Group 2p N/P (450)	85	–
Kenmare Res Ir5p N/P (Ir75)	¼	–

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Henderson Admin	688p (+25p)
AAH	461p (+10p)
BTR	399p (+8½p)
GUS 'A'	1397p (+18p)
Bass	983p (+13p)
Rothmans 'B'	1133p (+15p)
Enterprise	538p (+10p)
Blenheim Group	428p (+25p)
Independent	295p (+10p)
News Corp	678p (+26p)

FALLS:

Thomson Corp	785p (–10p)
Maxwell Comm	121p (–18p)
Chase Manh	1043p (–18p)
Auto Sec	114p (–9p)
Bowater Inc	1208p (–22p)
ADT	430p (–14p)
RMC Group	565p (–8p)
Norsk Hydro	1425p (–25p)
Barclays	403p (–12p)
Standard Chartered	407p (–16p)

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WALL STREET

	Nov 5 midday	Nov 4 close		Nov 5 midday	Nov 4 close		Nov 5 midday	Nov 4 close
AMP Inc	52[illegible]	53	Emerson Elec	50[illegible]	50[illegible]	Oryx Energy Co	31[illegible]	31[illegible]
AMR Corp	63[illegible]	63[illegible]	Enron Corp	74[illegible]	73	PNC Financial	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Abbott Labs	59[illegible]	59[illegible]	Entergy Corp	27[illegible]	27[illegible]	PPG Industries	49[illegible]	49[illegible]
Aetna Life	39	38[illegible]	Ethyl Corp	27	26[illegible]	Paccar Inc	47[illegible]	47
Ahmanson (HF)	16[illegible]	16[illegible]	Exxon	61[illegible]	61[illegible]	Pacificorp	23[illegible]	23[illegible]
Air Prod & Chem	68[illegible]	68[illegible]	FMC Corp	50[illegible]	50[illegible]	Pac Enterprises	25	25[illegible]
Albertson's	36[illegible]	36[illegible]	FPL Group	34[illegible]	34[illegible]	Pac Gas & Elec	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Alcan Aluminium	21[illegible]	21[illegible]	Federal Express	38[illegible]	38[illegible]	Pac Telesis	42[illegible]	42[illegible]
Alco Standard	33[illegible]	33[illegible]	Fed Nat Mtge	60	59[illegible]	Pall Corp	37	36[illegible]
Allied Signal	41[illegible]	40[illegible]	First Chicago	26	25[illegible]	Panhandle East	15[illegible]	15[illegible]
Alum Co of Am	63[illegible]	62[illegible]	First Interstate	29[illegible]	28[illegible]	Paramount Comm	41[illegible]	41[illegible]
Amax	20[illegible]	20[illegible]	First Union Rly	8[illegible]	8[illegible]	Parker Hannifin	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Amerada Hess	55[illegible]	55[illegible]	FleetNorstar	22[illegible]	22[illegible]	Penney (JC)	49[illegible]	49[illegible]
Amer Brands	41[illegible]	40[illegible]	Fluor Corp	44[illegible]	44[illegible]	Pennzoil	63	62[illegible]
Amer Cyanamid	63[illegible]	63	Ford Motor	26[illegible]	26[illegible]	Pepsico	29[illegible]	29[illegible]
Amer El Power	30[illegible]	30[illegible]	GTE Corp	33[illegible]	33[illegible]	Pfizer	70[illegible]	70
Amer Express	18[illegible]	18[illegible]	Gannett	40	40	Phelps Dodge	79[illegible]	78[illegible]
Amer Genl Corp	42[illegible]	42[illegible]	Gap Inc Del	45[illegible]	45[illegible]	Philadel Elec	23[illegible]	23[illegible]
Amer Home Pr	75[illegible]	75	Gen Cinema	19[illegible]	19[illegible]	Philip Morris	68[illegible]	68[illegible]
Amer Intl	85[illegible]	86[illegible]	Gen Dynamics	51[illegible]	52[illegible]	Phillips Pet	26[illegible]	26[illegible]
Amer Stores	37	37[illegible]	Gen Electric	68[illegible]	68[illegible]	Pitney Bowes	58[illegible]	58[illegible]
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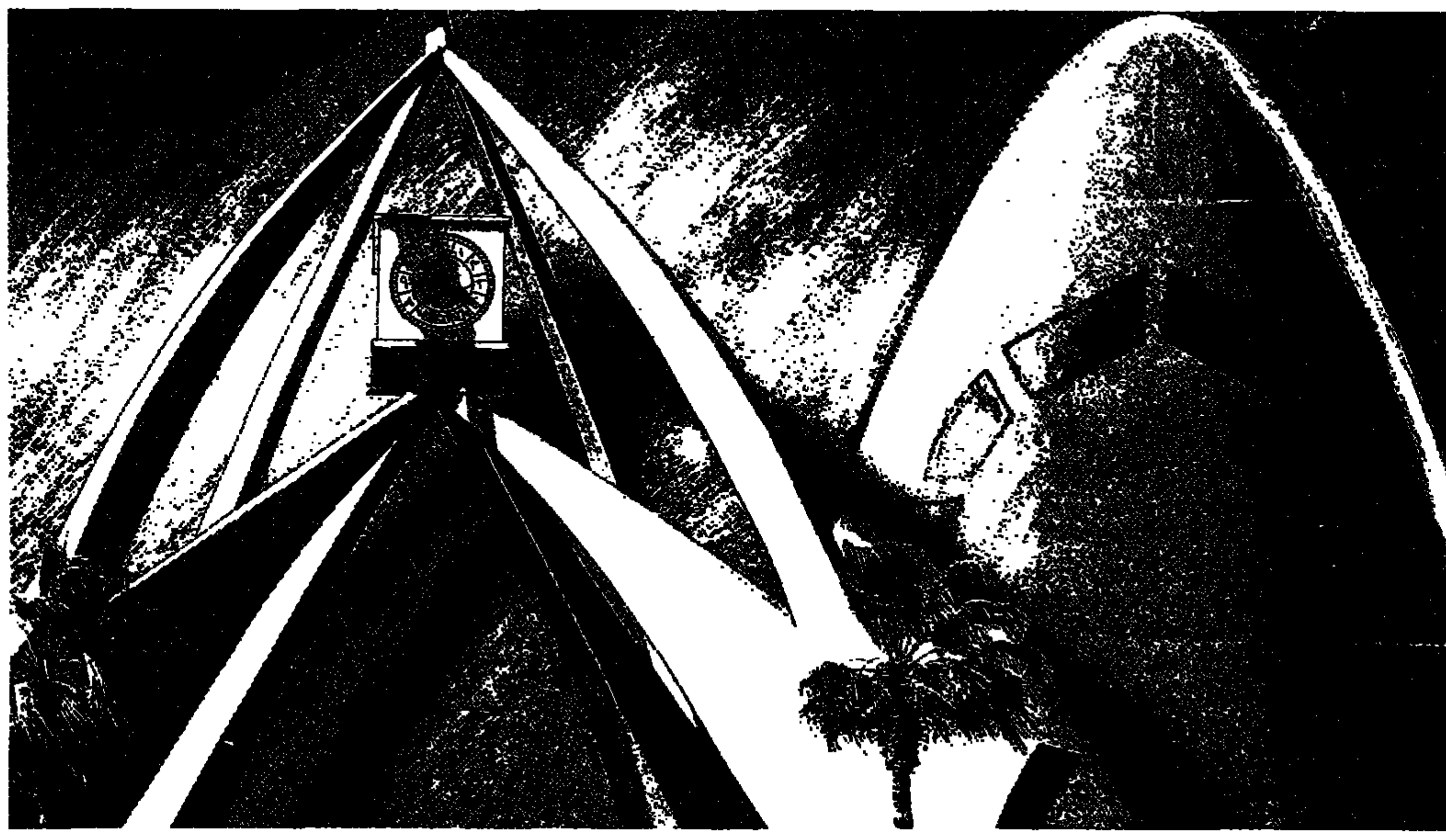

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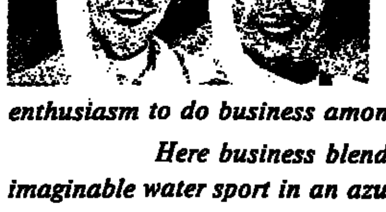

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Dowding lifts bid for Torday to £18.8m

Dowding & Mills, the mechanical repairs company, has increased its offer for Torday & Carlisle, the engineering and signs group, and has offered a partial cash alternative. This final paper offer, of nine new Dowding shares for every five Torday shares, values each Torday share at 117p and the company at £18.8 million.

The previous offer was seven for five and was worth £13.6 million. The partial cash alternative is available for up to 40 per cent of the new Dowding shares and is worth 108p a share.

Torday rejected the increased offer, claiming that "it still grossly undervalues the market leadership positions and stong growth potential" of its businesses. Jim Cole, the chief executive of Dowding, said that the increased offer represented a 91.8 per cent premium to the 61p market price at which it acquired its original 6 per cent stake in Dowding. The offer closes on November 22.

Aitken rises

Aitken Hume International, the financial services group, reports a 37 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £2.06 million, before exceptional items, for the six months to end-September. If a £510,000 exceptional pension fund credit is taken into account, the increase in pre-tax profits is 71 per cent. Earnings per share were 3.25p (1.66p) and the interim dividend is maintained at 0.5p.

Bridport ahead

Bridport-Gundry reports a pre-tax profit of £818,000 (£578,000) for the year to end-July on a turnover of £32.3 million (£31.5 million). The final dividend of 2.6p (1.9p) makes 4.11 (3.8p).

Savola success

The Savola Company of Saudi Arabia, the main supplier of cooking oil in the country, said a public issue of shares to raise 360 million riyals (£54 million) had been heavily oversubscribed.

Aerospace chiefs call for more access to government

By Colin Campbell

LEADING executives in the aerospace industry yesterday called for improved communication with the government to prevent the industry walking up a blind alley.

Dick Evans, chief executive of British Aerospace, said a more open channel of communication with more senior officials about government plans would lead to improved budgeting within the industry, more investments in the right direction, and eventually to higher exports.

"The aerospace industrial sector faces a turbulent passage through quite unprecedented degrees of change," he said. BAe still had every reason to look forward with optimisim, however.

Addressing County NatWest's one-day aerospace conference, Roger Hurn, chairman of Smiths Industries, said the current shakeout in the industry would leave strong companies better placed.

"A commitment to research and development will ensure a good payback in the longer term," he said, adding that the trend will be towards increasing electronic content.

The conference was told that the world market for commercial aircraft of all sizes would be more than 13,500 aircraft in the next 20 years. The Airbus consortium forecasts the compound average growth in air travel will exceed 5 per cent per annum through to 2010. Mr Evans said there are no free A320 delivery slots until 1994, and no A330/340 delivery slots free until 1995.

Pete Deighton, director and analyst of County NatWest's engineering sector, said the problems of the industry were reflected in the sector's share price performance — a one year underperformance of 30 per cent, a three months underperformance of 15 per cent, and a one month's underperformance of 3 per cent.

Gordon Page, outlining the technology of the FR Group, where he is chief executive, said passengers on Cathay Pacific's B747 aircraft will shortly be able to receive BBC World Service and Voice of America live.

☐ Slingsby Aviation, a *subsidiary of ML Holdings*, and Northrop World Aircraft Services of America yesterday signed a teaming agreement to bid for the US Air Force enhanced flight screener programme, which calls for 125 aircraft plus full contractor logistic support.

☐ Saudi Arabia, which intends to spend $10 billion on defence equipment with British manufacturers over the next five years, wants to buy $4 billion worth of American F-15 jet fighters from McDonnell Douglas (Philip Robinson writes).

Saudi Arabia has confirmed it will buy at least 48 Tornados and 60 Hawks under a contract being worked out with the British government.

JAMES CALVERT-JONES

Communication: Dick Evans of British Aerospace

Wellcome in talks on disposals

By Graham Searjeant, financial editor

WELLCOME, the pharmaceuticals group that makes Zovirax and Retrovir, is negotiating to sell two more of its smaller businesses so it can concentrate on its fast-growing international drugs division.

Talks are being held with Roussel-Uclaf, the French drugs subsidiary of the Hoechst chemicals group of Germany, for the sale of Wellcome's environmental health division, which supplies *insecticides for household use and for public health* and timber treatment. The sale is expected to be settled by the end of the year.

Wellcome said its business and the Roussel-Uclaf environmental health operations would have a turnover of about £150 million. The French company said the purchase would give it an *important position in the* world market for environmental health insecticides.

Wellcome also announced that it was having talks with Murex Technologies of Canada, which wants to buy its diagnostics division, which develops and makes kits for the detection and diagnosis of disease and organisms that cause disease.

The two putative deals are the latest in a series of small disposals of traditional Wellcome businesses that have become peripheral due to the rapid growth of its main pharmaceuticals operations.

Wellcome's shares rose 19p to 757p.

Brent Walker claims waived

By Matthew Bond

BRENT Walker, the leisure group, yesterday confirmed that bondholders speaking for 90.1 *per cent of the company's* convertible bond issue have agreed that they will not pursue any legal claim against the company.

The waiver by more than 90 per cent of bondholders leaves the way clear for Brent Walker's banks finally to approve the restructuring package offered to, and now accepted by, bondholders.

Without the waiver, Brent Walker would have been vulnerable to claims from bondholders, who subscribed for bonds largely on the back of the company's *1990* interim results. Brent Walker has since conceded that these results were materially over-stated.

Despite the progress, several further obstacles need to be overcome before Brent Walker and its banks finally sign off the long-awaited £1.5 billion refinancing of the company's debts.

These *include* the unwinding of Walker Power, the joint venture company that owns the Trocadero centre in London, and the settling of Brent Walker's legal disagreement with Grand Metropolitan over the price paid for William Hill, the bookmaker sold by Grand Met in 1989.

Brent Walker also needs to secure the agreement of its ordinary shareholders, some of whom are still believed to oppose the terms of the refinancing.

Baring lines up US deal

BARING Brothers, the UK investment bank, has stepped closer to Wall Street. The management of Dillon Read, the American stockbroker in which Baring wants a 40 per cent stake, disclosed that it *could raise the money to buy* the balance.

In what is expected to be an $80 million deal, the 161-year-old Wall Street firm will buy itself out of Travelers Corp, the troubled Connecticut insurer that bought Dillon Read in 1986.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Ulster TV confident despite fall in profits

ULSTER Television, the Northern Irish television group which retained its licence despite two rival bids, saw pre-tax profits fall from £1.32 million to £134,000 in the six months to end-June. The dividend has been increased from 3p to 3.25p.

Turnover fell from £12.3 million to £11.4 million, largely as the result of a 7 per cent drop in advertising revenue, while costs rose slightly to £11.4 million. After the exchequer levy of £299,000, the group made an operating loss of £248,000, but investment income of £382,000, down from £544,000, returned the business to profit. Earnings per share fell from *7.65p to 0.76p*.

John McGuckian, the group's chairman, said: "There are now some encouraging signs of a turnround in our revenue prospects with modest increases in both September and October. There is increasing confidence that the recession has bottomed out and that there will be some economic growth next year. Should this come about it is likely to be reflected positively in the budgets which advertisers allocate to the promotion of their products. Despite the trading difficulties this year, the company remains in good financial shape with no borrowings." The shares rose 2p to 148p.

Late payers 'growing'

LATE payers may have to be forced by law to settle debts to small businesses promptly, Lord Alexander, the chairman of *National Westminster Bank, said. The recession was the* main reason for increased delays in payment, he said. The problem was "making life even more difficult for those seeking to weather the already troubled economic conditions".

Half of all small businesses were not paid on time, according to a NatWest survey. The Department of Employment offers advice to small businesses on how to avoid late payment problems. Lord Alexander said: "But this may need reinforcement, either through a widely accepted code of practice which is effective in securing payment or, in the last resort, through legislation."

Kuwait potential

BIG orders remain to be won in Kuwait by British companies *despite their success already in winning contracts there*. Timothy Sainsbury, the trade minister, said after a three-day visit to the Gulf. British companies had already scored successes, winning work worth at least £480 million since Kuwait's liberation.

But Mr Sainsbury went on: "There's a lot of business to be won. The Kuwaiti purchasing power when they are back to producing 1.5 million barrels of oil per day will clearly be very extensive." British firms had won about 20 per cent of the contracts on offer, taking second place behind America and beating Japan and Germany.

Gatt meeting called

ARTHUR Dunkel, director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), has called a meeting of *the Uruguay* round steering group, the trade negotiations committee, for tomorrow. Announcing the move yesterday, a spokesman said Mr Dunkel will give a news conference after the meeting.

The spokesman said the meeting had been called to assess the situation after five years of negotiations in the Uruguay round of Gatt and to discuss possible scenarios for completing the round and sealing a new global trade accord.

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The CBI conference: business debates merits of a more environmentally friendly approach

Delegates welcome Eurotunnel chief's tax on pollution

By Ross Tieman
Industrial Correspondent

SIR Alastair Morton's campaign for a £5 billion-a-year special tax to fund transport improvements gathered momentum yesterday when the CBI gave him a high-profile platform to spell out his ideas before Britain's business leaders in Bournemouth.

The Eurotunnel chief executive was awarded the prime slot in CBI's conference debate on transport and the environment. His plan, for a tax on transport based on its environmental impact, was warmly received.

Time and again, delegates made plain their fears that despite planned increases, government spending on infrastructure was too little, too late.

The accelerating expansion of the European economic region threatened to leave Britain further than ever from the centre of economic gravity, Sir Alastair said.

Italy, France, and Belgium, countries far less geographically disadvantaged, were making much greater efforts to improve their transport infrastructure, he said.

"Our peripheral location demands heavy investment by us now, to make up for the locust 1980s, the decade of infrastructure deficit," he said. "Transportation is essential to our economic survival."

Sir Alastair's scheme involves the introduction of a pollution levy, partly in place of existing taxes, on all forms of transport. The levy, to run for five years, would raise £4 billion a year, sufficient, with interest accrued, to set up a fund of £25 billion within five years.

The levy would be raised by taxing transport according to its environmental impact. Emissions, noise, casualties and land-take would be the key components of an index system which would favour modes of transport that caused least harm to non-users.

TRANSPORT

"Transportation pollution, in all forms, ought to be reduced wherever possible, and ought to contribute to finding the solution," he said. "A tax, or a levy, is the logical response to reduce the problem, pollution, while paying for the underlying need, transportation."

The proceeds of the levy would be paid into a transport investment fund, directed by a board independent of the Treasury, but drawn from both public and private sectors.

The board would invest the fund, in partnership with international capital markets and private industry, in projects designed to "eliminate as many as possible of the obstacles and costs to Britain of its peripheral location in Europe."

The development of a dedicated fund would overcome the constraint imposed by the Treasury efforts to improve Britain's transport system, he said.

Sir Alastair launched a vigorous attack on the Treasury, for failing to account properly for the benefits to the economy of transport investment. "I have stipulated an independent board, under private sector leadership, because the Treasury has no concept of investment," he said. "It pools it with expenditure."

Yet the fund envisaged by Sir Alastair would not be a drain on the public purse because it would accrue substantial returns for the taxpayer as well as benefiting transport users and those affected by transport pollution.

Sir Alastair's experience at Eurotunnel has convinced him that private sector infrastructure projects would be more economic, and more easily funded, if they were underpinned by money borrowed at low interest rates from the taxpayer.

The transport fund, he said, should make investments in projects on a long-term basis, perhaps in the form of a 50-year subordinated loan. Interest payments would initially be held down, but could rise once the transport system operating. But the fund could be compensated for the low initial repayments by taking a share of the profits.

John Banham, the CBI director general, welcomed Sir Alastair's scheme as a "very serious proposal".

Industry launches green campaign

By Derek Harris

THE CBI is launching an initiative to encourage firms to pursue environmental excellence through closer collaboration among companies. A particular aim is to bring in smaller organisations through the supply chain.

The Environment Business Forum, which will produce an agenda for action on the environment, was announced by Tony Cleaver, chairman and chief executive of IBM (UK), as he opened a session devoted to the pursuit of environmental excellence.

Companies lined up to tell how their environmental schemes had succeeded, often with quick financial returns. Mr Cleaver said this demonstrated the clear benefits to businesses of good environmental performance.

He said the forum would provide a focal point for business-led voluntary actions and would be organised through the CBI's regional structure. It would give up-to-date information on environmental issues and could influence eventual UK and EC environmental policy.

The forum might be all that was needed to stimulate many companies, Mr Cleaver said. "It may prepare them for the new BSI Standard and later the emerging eco-audit scheme in Europe." He added: "It is one important way of ensuring that business sets the agenda for actions, which it alone can take, to protect and enhance the environment in which we all live and work."

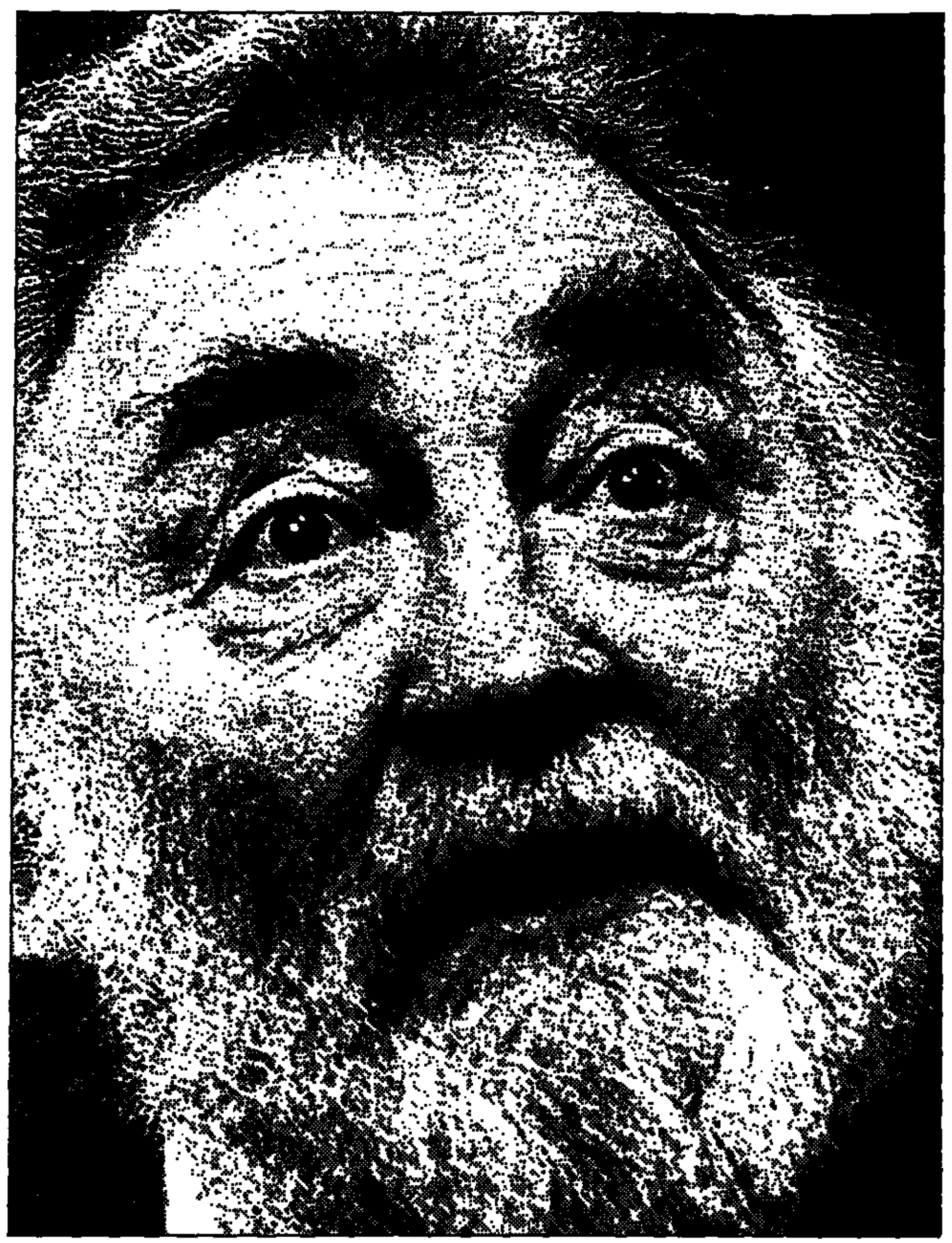
COLLABORATION

Mr Cleaver tackled the reaction that some might think firms would have about tackling environmental issues. "In these difficult times are there really any reasons why we should do anything about it? When our main concern is keeping out of the red, do you really expect us to be green?" Industry seemed to be giving the answer, he said. The BSI's draft standard for an environmental management system produced requests for more than 1,000 copies, far more than any previous BSI draft standard.

He said caring for the environment was not an issue of size, nor a question of the current economic climate because good environment practice was also good business practice. Good environmental policies could save businesses money.

A Dutch study of the cost benefits of clean technology looked mostly at small-to-medium sized companies plus two public transport operators. Of the first 45 pollution-prevention projects, 22 offered direct money savings. Most of the rest were cost-neutral, giving environmental improvement without a significant price tag.

☐ The CBI is to set up a taskforce to examine ways in which business can become more involved in land use planning decisions. The taskforce will look at ways in which the process of seeking planning consent could be simplified and speeded up.



Tough line: the professor said water intakes should be downstream of outfalls

Bellamy calls for adoption of ten-point plan to cut contamination

By Derek Harris

AN impassioned plea for more to be done to rescue the environment from waste, neglect and contamination was delivered by Professor David Bellamy, who opened the debate on the subject. Professor Bellamy said progress was being made by a growing number of industrial companies, but he urged action even in matters of clothing.

Thermal rating for adventure sports clothing was commonplace, he pointed out. Marketed for home use, it would lead to a sharp reduction in heating costs and in deaths due to hypothermia.

There had to be standards for thermal efficiency in the workplace, in transport and in the home, he said.

The professor pinpointed not only energy but also water, habitat and atmosphere as needing action to safeguard them. Throw in L for Life, he said, and there was a good acronym, Whale, for auditing new, healthy standards for life.

A Whale-friendly world was beginning to emerge, he suggested. Conoco, the oil company, had introduced safety standards from drilling rigs to petrol station forecourts; and 3M (UK) had played a leading role in voluntary environmental protection. The Co-op audited all its goods for "environmental friendliness".

Professor Bellamy added a warning that some business Luddites were declaring that caring for the environmental cost money and would eat into profit margins.

Industry was again and again proving that to be untrue as new technologies made re-cycling and re-use of waste streams profitable.

He added: "The challenge before industry, from shop floor to boardroom, is to speed the process on its way before legislation of a more negative kind sends many businesses to the wall of bankruptcy."

He proposed ten "Bellamy guidelines" for the greening of business:

STRATEGY

1. Carry out cradle-to-grave, independent environmental audits of all company activities.
2. Develop comprehensive environmental policies based on the audits.
3. Produce action plans with specific environmental targets.
4. Integrate the action plans into strategic business planning.
5. Ensure action and control by setting up environmental management systems, with environmental affairs managers in charge.
6. Ensure that staff know about the policies and be organised to meet its challenges; training might be needed.
7. Ensure that top management are committed to the green initiative.
8. Link the environmental plans with quality programmes.
9. Seek to enforce the new British Standard on the environment, once it was implemented.
10. Adopt an environmentally sensitive approach to development of new products and processes.

Professor Bellamy suggested some broad-brush criteria for success, such as "fishability" and "swimmability" of rivers, lakes and inshore waters. He said indusarial water users should be willing to put their water intake points downstream of their own outfalls.

He added the observation that, working on the principle of maximum profitability, no raw materials should be wasted. Since these were paid for, including the costs of their transport to the factory, companies were foolish to face the costs of dumping anything with downstream consequences.

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COMMENT

Bad timing at Hawker

Timing is everything they say and the simple fact of takeover life is that BTR has got its bid timing brilliantly right, while Hawker Siddeley's is horribly wrong. Yesterday's defence document from the beleaguered and accident prone Hawker was long on presentation and promise but conspicuously short of hard fact. Having admitted a month or so ago that neither the British nor the American markets showed any signs of recovery, Hawker has now made just such a recovery a key element of its corporate strategy for 1992, including its new-found generosity to shareholders.

Alan Watkins, Hawker's chief executive, has tried hard to persuade shareholders that the drastic restructuring of their company was actually embarked on a year ago rather than the day after BTR unveiled its £1.5 billion offer. To some extent, he is probably right. But if it was, why were not more people, and shareholders in particular, made more aware of what was planned. For it stretches shareholder loyalty to its limits when management's response to a hostile bid is a bald statement that it planned to sell 55 per cent of the business anyway. If quite so much is wrong, why stop at 55 per cent — 100 per cent is a much neater number.

Again, if these disposals had been planned for so long, it is extremely unfortunate that Hawker has not yet been able to complete any yet. Hawker may have received the permission of Siemens and Emerson Electric to use their names but how much more convincing it would have been if prices and completion dates had also been included in the document. In particular, for a document that makes much of the 16.9 exit multiple that BTR's bid offers Hawker shareholders, it would be more than interesting to see the exit multiples Hawker hopes to achieve for its surplus businesses.

Whatever Dr Watkins might protest about increased buyer awareness, it is difficult to counter the suggestion that BTR's unwelcome intervention reduces Hawker Siddeley to the position of forced seller and, in turn, forced buyer. While BTR's corporate strategy is far from beyond reproach, Hawker shareholders do have the certainty of the 700p cash alternative. It must be tempting for Sir Owen Green and Alan Jackson to tough it out by making the current bid final, but a modest increase in the terms would end any doubts.

Law and disorder

John Redwood, minister for corporate affairs, takes issue with those who question his decision to change the present arrangements for disclosure of company news to investors. The minister has decided in the interests of promoting a free market that companies may give their price-sensitive information to commercial news organisations at the same time as it goes to the Stock Exchange. Mr Redwood disputes the point made in these columns that under the newly proposed arrangements there will be no central release point for price-sensitive information. Mr Redwood says that companies will still be required to give announcements to the Stock Exchange.

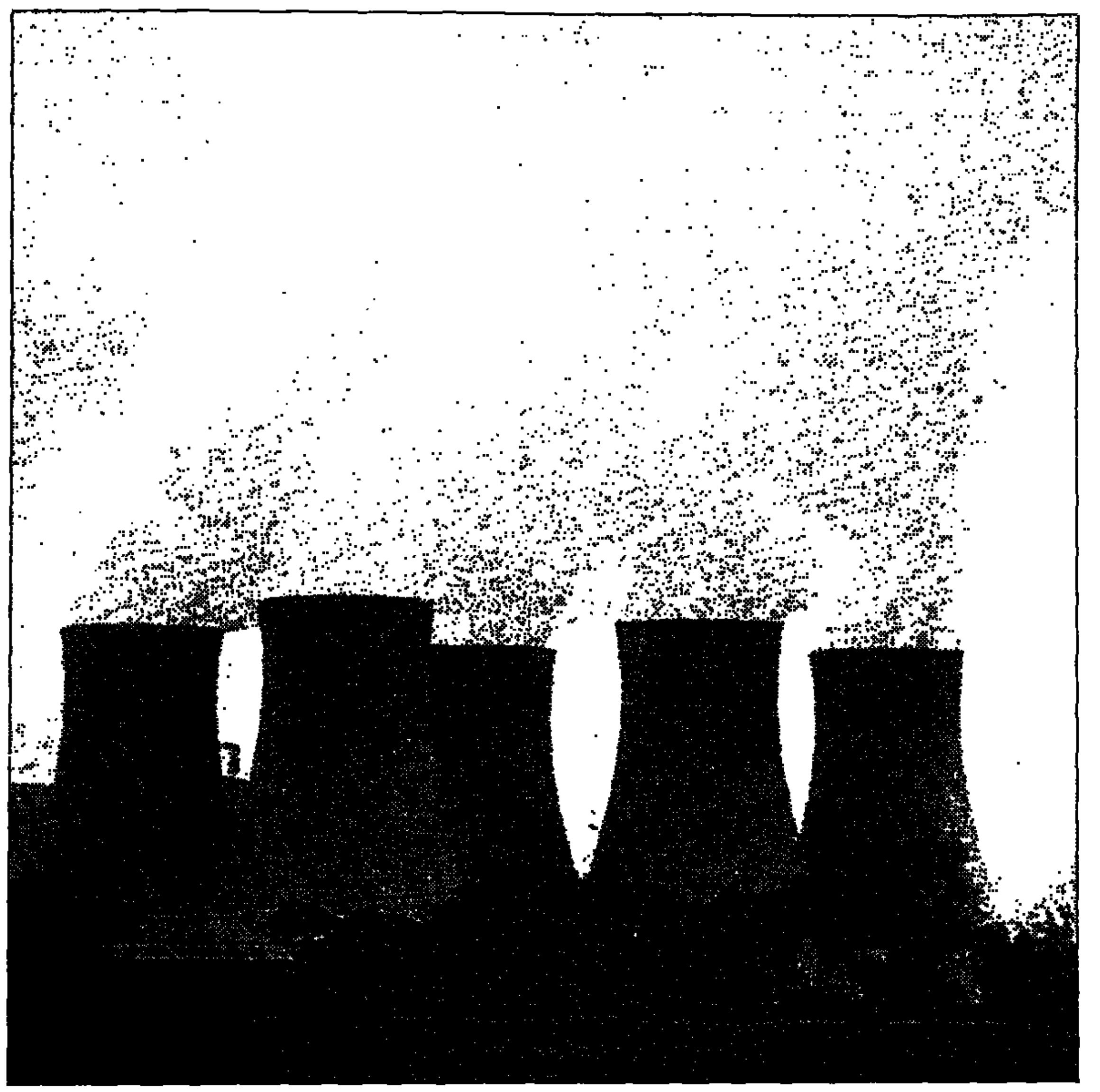
True, but under the new arrangements it will be impossible to say where a news announcement will appear first. Whichever of the competing agencies wants to be first with the news will certainly release it via a wire or screen in a heavily condensed form. That opens the possibility that some investors will receive the news before others, some in full, some in brief and some in headlines only. All this is hardly conducive to orderly markets. The neat arrangement where everyone knows that the exchange is the central release point and that everyone will receive a full text of the official company statement at the same time will be ended under the Redwood amendments.

Government ministers take centre stage on environmental issues

Industry urged to clean up its act or miss green market

'Where there is no muck, there can still be brass' is the message to British firms in the Nineties.

Philip Bassett reports



Where there's smoke: pollution comes under fire as industry is advised to adopt a greener attitude

Green business came of age yesterday. As Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, was at the Confederation of British Industry's conference in Bournemouth, warning British business not to miss the green market, John Wakeham, the energy secretary, was in London, going further than he has before on energy efficiency.

As Tony Cleaver, IBM UK's chairman and chief executive, announced the CBI's latest green initiative of an environment business forum, to be launched next month, David Bellamy, the environmentalist, was showing how green pressures on business are set to increase.

Chris Hampson, an ICI director with environmental responsibility, said: "This is now a major issue for the whole business community. Environmental issues are a fact of business life." John Speirs, of Norsk Hydro, the chemical company, added: "It's been a tough year economically, but it's quite clear that for business, the environment is a recession-proof issue."

Environmentalism in business may have seemed like a fad when companies first became concerned about it, but the breadth of its impact, and its increasing impact in the future, was underlined by the CBI devoting all of the second of its two-day conference to green business yesterday, and to Mr Heseltine's guidance on the consequences of businesses *not* cleaning up their environmental act. He told the CBI: "The price of failing to meet the environmental challenge will be that bankers will not lend, insurers will not insure, institutions will not invest, public authorities will not license, politicians will not support, customers will not purchase, and staff will not stay."

David Smith, of PA management consultants, said, however: "The consistent undertone from companies is that the environment is a burden on executives." Figures released yesterday by PA, in association with Mr Bellamy's environmental consultancy company, suggested that, so far at least, many companies have yet to take full account of Mr Heseltine's warning.

The survey of 176 businesses showed that many companies have no environmental management system. Fewer than one in four communicate their green policies to customers. Only 20 per cent have carried out staff training on green issues. As few as 22 per cent have conducted an environmental audit within their companies. Green purchase choices, such as recycled paper and low-energy light bulbs, are made by only 28 per cent, and none of the companies looked at specifically buying environmentally friendly raw materials for their production processes.

However, as many as 57 per cent of the companies have taken action to reduce waste, and 51 per cent have taken action to reduce emissions. Nearly three quarters say they are complying with environmental legislation. Ninety-four per cent believe environmental pressures on their businesses will increase. As a result, many have taken steps to address environmental problems.

Kit Sadgrove, from David Bellamy Associates' environmental auditing unit, said: "Many companies appear to be taking a responsible attitude to the environment, although they still have a long way to go before they are truly environmentally friendly."

Cost is at the heart of companies' thinking on environmental issues. According to Mr Cleaver, companies hit hard by the recession are saying: "When our main concern is keeping out of the red, do you really expect us to be green?"

Much of the CBI's environmental work, and the main thrust of Mr Heseltine's speech, is about showing companies that while good environmental practice may be costly, bad environmental practice may be costlier still.

As an example, the Building Employers' Confederation says that just under half the energy used in Britain is taken up in buildings. Ten per cent of new building materials — about 24 million tonnes — are wasted every year, at a cost of about £2 billion.

Mr Heseltine's and trade secretary Peter Lilley's advisory committee on business and the environment, headed by John Collins, of Shell, this week produced its first report. Sharp increases in petrol prices are suggested for environmental reasons. Some other oil companies disagree with the method the committee has chosen, but they do not doubt the need to take action.

Green economists estimate that the total market for environmental improvement technology and equipment in Britain will be £30 billion a year by 1995. The real worry for many companies in Britain is that industry is already falling behind in supplying this market, and that many of the environmentally friendly products and processes British companies want to introduce are supplied by overseas manufacturers.

When business first started to deal with environmentalism, as recently as a few years ago, it looked as though it might be only dabbling, a passing fad, a fashion. Mr Cleaver said: "There were many industrialists who believed just that, but how wrong they were."

Green consumerism, whether by shoppers or companies buying industry's products, is an established feature of the economy, with a real bottom-line impact. For profit-hungry businesses, that is now enough to make them take environmental issues seriously, or at least, much more seriously than they did. Where there's muck, there's always been brass; industry is getting the message that where there isn't muck, there may well be brass too.

Wakeham warms to a global challenge

JOHN Wakeham, the energy secretary, yesterday crossed the environmental rubicon. He declared energy efficiency the "quickest, most cost-effective, and therefore the most painless way" of meeting Britain's commitment to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide, the gas most responsible for global warming.

Previously, energy efficiency in Britain has been promoted primarily in response to fuel price rises, with the environment a secondary consideration.

In an address to the Environment Strategy Europe conference in London, however, Mr Wakeham went further than ever to establish a sea-change in government policy. Britain, he said, could save up to a fifth of current energy consumption using existing technologies. "That translates into a staggering £10 billion a year," he said. "To put it into perspective, that is about the same as the wealth created by the North Sea oil and gas industry."

Mr Wakeham said the world's reliance on burning fossil fuels for 80 per cent of its energy needs was "the most fundamental problem facing civilisation."

Global energy consumption could rise 50 to 75 per cent over the next 30 years, he said. The costs of constraining demand would be enormous. He added, however, that that was no argument for fatalism.

Persuading 160 countries attending next June's "earth summit" in Brazil to agree a strategy to cut carbon dioxide emissions, let alone implement energy saving measures, will be a tough fight. The government's view, outlined by Mr Wakeham, is that the market mechanism must be central. Although the government does not oppose the principle of energy taxes, it believes unilateral action could prove counter productive.

Mr Wakeham said: "We either need to make substantial improvements in energy efficiency, or develop alternative energy sources." The government is taking action on both fronts, but many would argue that its response, particularly with regard to domestic energy consumption, remains pitifully underfunded.

Wakeham: policy change

ROSS TIEMAN

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Blondes prefer gentlemen

GENTLEMEN are said to prefer blondes, and blondes, it seems, prefer gentlemen. Ivana Trump, wealthy ex-wife of Donald Trump, was clearly unamused when Richard Branson, the Virgin Atlantic boss, in high-spirited mood, turned her upside down — literally — at an airline awards luncheon. Having regained her composure, she returned to her seat, beside Branson's arch-rival, Lord King, British Airways' chairman. Clearly appreciative of his more conversational approach, Ivana expressed her gratitude by inviting Lord King to visit her the next time he was in New York. Not one to shy from such an attractive opportunity, less than a week later, Lord King managed to reroute his return journey from Venezuela to take in the Big Apple and took Ivana at her word. Once inside her Trump Tower penthouse suite, they shared a glass or two of champagne. "King definitely got the girl," says one amused insider, indicating that the rivalry between King and Branson extends to more than mere airlines.

Ear-ly bird

USA Today, the American national newspaper, invited its readers to write in about the perils of business travel. One of the 300 or so replies came from Chris Wolfe, an auditor from Connecticut, who was attacked by a parrot in a hotel lobby in Indianapolis while making a telephone call. Wolfe had the phone pressed against one ear when the bird, one of several resident in the lobby, latched on to his other ear and refused to let go. "I finally managed to bat it to the ground where one of the hotel's maintenance workers picked it up saying: 'Oh yeah, we have problems with this one all the time'," Wolfe wrote.

Smith's ad-age

W H SMITH, which has just severed its 23-year connection with DMB & B, the advertising agency, awarding its £10 million account to Bartle Bogle Hegarty — selected from a short list of four, including DMB & B — is, it seems, still sentimental about some things. Preparing for its bicentenary celebrations, which begin next year, W H Smith has unearthed an advertisement placed in *The Times* in 1792, offering for sale "An old-established news walk to be disposed of that brings in £1.12s per week clear profit; situated in the best part of London, and capable, with care and assiduity, of great improvement: such an opportunity seldom offers for an industrious person." Thirty-two shillings was then the average weekly wage of a skilled workman, but the business, the fledgling W H Smith, which sold the eight regular morning dailies then on sale in London, failed — fortunately — to attract any buyers.

Sweet tooth

AS MERCHANT banks go, J Henry Schroder Wagg has, it seems, a sweeter tooth than most. The bank has just emerged as the biggest corporate buyer of chocolates at the Bendicks shop in the Royal Exchange. Schroder Wagg's staff are happy to pay up to £31 a time for shoe box-sized packs of Mint Crisps. In second place in the Bendicks league are traders from the London International Financial Futures Exchange who scoop up chocolates by the handful. "They all come in and say: 'Oooh, what a lovely smell'," Jan Olney, the manageress, says. Stockbrokers prefer Mayfair mints, fund managers go for Bittermints, equity salesmen have a definite preference for mint crisps and gilt brokers go weak at the sight of chocolate creme de menthe, she adds.

COUNTY NatWest is going to have to work harder at name awareness in the more northerly parts of Britain. Doremus & Co, a financial communications company, telephoned North West Business, *a magazine in Blackpool, to book an advertisement for County. "So that's a full page ad to go into our December issue," the magazine said. Correct. "And the ad is for County Knit Wear?" No, not exactly . . .*

CAROL LEONARD

BUSINESS LETTERS

Industry's unfair rating bills

From Mr Colin S. Bell

Sir, John Banham is rightly demanding a Government more in line with British industry. Could he not also demand an immediate end to the wholly iniquitous transitional phasing regulations, which require the majority of industry in the North and the Midlands to pay rates, not assessed in accordance with the new rateable values, which came into force on April 1, 1990, but in line with what they were being compelled to pay in 1989-90, subject only to small percentage reductions?

In some instances, current rate bills are as much as twice to three times what they should be if the uniform business rate was being charged on the new 1990 rateable values.

In many instances, the sums involved are quite enormous. As an example, we are talking about aggregate rate demands of £3 million p.a. when the same demands ignoring transitional phasing could be as low as £1.25 million p.a. or less.

If the benefits of transitional phasing in the South of England (for all classes of business property including office blocks and departmental stores) have to be subsidised, could this not be done direct from exchequer funds without requiring industry in other parts of the country to pay for it?

As matters stand, industry, in very many cases, is most unfairly penalised. I sometimes wonder if this is generally known by those having to pay the bills.

The ball is in your court, John Banham!

Yours faithfully,
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Central issue

Mr Robert Pringle, Editor, Central Banking

Sir, The best way to reduce the "awesome power" of a future Central Bank of Europe which so worried Sir Alan Walters (October 29) would be to put the central banking function itself out to competitive tender.

Central banks exist to render services to the citizens of a country. But there is no reason why these services should for ever be provided by the existing organizations called central banks. If there is political agreement on the objectives to be pursued — the provision of a stable level of prices — and on the means of achieving it through using interest rates to control the money supply, why not let other organizations bid for a licence to deliver the service required? Specific performance measures, quality standards and penalties for underperformance could be written into the contract.

Large savings in costs beckon. The administrative costs of just three of the EC's 12 central banks — those of Germany, France and Italy — are more than £2 billion a year, excluding the cost of bank note printing. There are likely to be many commercial organizations willing to provide a stripped-down central banking service in the EC for less than that. Such a contractual arrangement for managing Europe's money would have no implications at all for European political union.

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63	44	Lon Scot Bk	52	...	2.7	7.1	10.0
264	150	Midland	228	-8	9.0	...	...
363	207	Nat Aust Bk	362	+5	...	6.7	9.9
357½	247	Nat West	309	-3	17.5	7.6	...
512	390	Provident	468	-9	23.5	6.7	10.0
46	24	Rea Bros	38	-1	0.5	1.8	24.2
211	147	Ryl Bk Scot	176	+1	8.4	6.4	14.4
1078	640	Schroders	1078	...	14.0	1.7	21.5
431	205	Stand Chart	407	-16	20.0	...	35.8
165	124	TSB	129	-2	6.4	6.6	...
600	230	Union Disc	266	...	35.0	17.5	4.0
549	314	Warburg SG	545	-3	16.0	3.9	13.5
187	109	-do- 6% 'A'	186	-1	...	4.3	...
5800	2506	Wells Fargo	3643	-143	...	6.5	...
222	128	Westpac	215	+2	...	...	7.6
353	268	Wintrust	268	...	9.3	4.6	8.0

BREWERIES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
662	460	Allied-Lyons	589	...	18.8	4.3	13.1
1066	882	Bass	983	+13	...	4.4	13.2
175	124	Boddington	162	...	6.0	4.9	11.7
270	173	Bulmer (H P)	269	...	8.3	4.1	16.7
143	98	Burtonwd Brew	107	...	4.2	5.3	16.3
245	135	Devenish (JA)	209	...	5.3	3.4	14.7
120	94	Eldridge P 'A'♦	95	-1	4.1	...	...
84	51	Fosters Brewing	77	...	...	14	∞
450	360	Fullr Sm 'A'♦	444	-1	6.1	1.8	18.0
268	137	Gibbs Mew♦	145	...	6.7	6.2	...
861	623	Grand Met	848	+3	20.4	3.2	14.5
371	274	Greenall Wht	368	...	10.0	3.6	11.6
490	374	Greene King	470	...	10.8	3.1	12.3
529	358½	Guinness	522 ‡	+2	...	2.4	15.8
1263	873	Hardy Hanson	1263	...	33.5	3.5	15.5
255	180	Heavitree♦	188	+5	...	2.2	23.4
195	140	-do- 'A' LV♦	140	...	...	2.9	17.4
308	225	Highland Dist	294	...	5.5	2.5	∞
279	136	Invrgordn Dist	266	+1	...	3.3	18.9
486	420	Mansfield	484	...	12.1	3.3	13.4
236	185	Mrston Thmp	239	...	4.4	2.6	16.3
433	357	Matthew Clark	432	+3	14.0	4.3	13.1
434	346½	Mrrydwn W♦	396	...	...	2.1	18.9
336	231	Morland	333	+4	...	2.6	13.6
1100	557	SA Breweries	1070	+2	...	2.2	21.5
428	336	Scot&New	396	+6	15.0	5.1	11.2
254	174	Vaux Group	220	...	...	5.3	11.2
516	409	Whitbread 'A'	457	+3	16.3	4.8	10.9
1375	1310	-do- 'B'	1338	...	16.3	1.6	31.8
587	399	Wolvrhmptn D	586	...	...	2.3	16.8
475	389	Young 'A'	473	...	13.0	3.7	21.1

BUILDING, ROADS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
80	40	Abbey	75	...	...	...	...
41	16	Albrighton♦	23	...	...	...	...
142	86	Allen♦	123	-1	4.9	5.3	7.9
260	178	Amec	201	-1	...	6.7	11.6
74	17	Anglia Sec	35	...	...	...	...
175	77	Ashtead♦	172	...	4.1	3.2	17.8
280	100	Attwoods	124	...	...	5.7	∞
245½	161	BPB Ind	176	-2	...	8.5	24.5
106	69	Baggeridge Brk	91	...	3.1	4.6	15.1
50	23	Bailey (Ben) Con	28 †	...	0.8	3.8	14.9
126	29	Barratt Devs	60	...	3.2	7.1	...
195	59	Beazer	112	-1	4.0	4.8	∞
277½	192	Bellway	226	...	11.0	6.5	11.0
19	3	Bellwinch	3 #	...	...	...	...
351	211½	Berkeley Gp	293	...	...	2.0	...
153	107	Bett Bros	108	...	6.4	7.9	7.5
122	90	Blockleys	100	+1	4.8	6.4	10.9
286	198	Blue Circle	235	...	11.2	6.4	13.2
698	438	Boot (Henry)	665 †	...	25.0	4.9	8.8
111	69	Breedon PLC	100	-1	4.6	6.1	10.3
146	93	Br Dredging	133	...	7.4	7.4	14.1
120	89	Bryant	96	-1	4.8	6.7	40.3
105	66	CALA	67	...	3.4	6.8	...
269	187	CRH	224	...	...	3.4	11.0
60	33	Cakebread Rby	52	...	3.0	...	16.0
57	8	Conder Grp	16	...	0.3	2.5	...
40	17	Cooper Clarke♦	20	...	0.5	3.3	∞
223	53	Costain	75	+2	...	21.8	...
150½	76½	Countryside	94	...	...	5.8	7.4
133	32	Crest Nicholson	36	-1	7.6	...	12.0
110	53	Cussins	57	-1	...	8.8	...
580	295	Douglas (RM)	492	...	10.5	2.8	11.7
12	1½	Dunton♦	4¼	-¼	...	...	...
47½	29	Edmond Hldgs	39½	...	1.8	6.2	9.4
168	105	Epwin♦	165	+1	6.4	5.2	10.8
77	49	Erith	65	...	3.9	8.0	19.0
266	210	Eve Group♦	233	...	9.2	5.3	8.2
117	62½	Evered Bardon	65	...	5.6	11.5	11.2
26½	13½	Explaura♦	17	...	...	...	...
5½	2	Finlan Gp	3½	...	...	...	...
233	95	Freeman Gp♦	97	...	8.3	11.7	5.0
104	71	Galliford	90	-1	4.3	6.4	13.9
90	80	Gibbs&Dndy O	89	...	...	...	...
865	583	Gleeson (MJ)	865	+7	10.7	1.7	11.1
110	50	Graham Wood	50	...	5.5	14.7	2.8
91	48	Harrison Ind	59	...	...	7.3	12.6
100½	64	Hewden-Stuart	90	+1	3.0	4.2	14.8
86	66	Hewetson♦	69	...	...	8.8	5.7
25	20	Hey&Croft♦	21	...	...	...	...
308	229	Heywd Wlm	289	...	...	5.8	16.7
369	158	Higgs&Hill	160	-1	20.0	16.7	20.5
41	20	How Gp	33	...	...	...	8.0
21	15½	Howard Hldgs	16	...	0.5	4.2	9.6
124	78	Ibstock Johnsen	95	+1	...	8.4	34.3
90	43	Jarvis	43	...	2.0	...	38.8
347	254	Laing (J)	265	...	13.0	6.5	9.5
64	23	Lawrence (W)	40	...	4.5	15.8	36.8
61	39	Lilley	42	...	2.5	8.1	8.9
155	118	Lon Clydeside♦	124	...	7.0	7.5	5.0
205	108	Lovell (YJ)	114	...	...	10.5	3.6
199	133	Mandess	198	...	7.0	4.7	14.1
137	87	Marley	118	-2	6.3	7.2	49.6
108	82	Marshalls	89	-1	5.0	7.5	18.2
135	80	Maunders (J)	135	...	4.9	4.9	∞
308	188	McAlpine (A)	195	-2	...	7.0	19.9
114½	37½	McCarthy&S	69	-1	...	1.9	...
494	358	Meyer Int	426	-5	16.5	5.2	15.2
17	12	Miskin Gp♦	15	...	...	...	...
356	210	Mowlem (J)	227	-2	...	12.3	17.9
44	12	NSM	15½	...	0.5	4.3	...
177	112	Newman Tnks	160	...	9.3	7.8	14.3
304	187	Persimmon	271	+1	...	4.2	13.4
55	16	Phoenix Timber	21	...	0.5	3.2	...
1200	875	Pochins	1200	...	24.0	2.7	∞
201	158	Prowting	175	...	8.0	3.8	35.6
46	25	Quiligotti♦	35	...	1.5	5.8	11.9
749	554	RMC Gp	565	-8	19.3	4.6	13.1
150	93	Raine Ind	142	...	6.0	5.6	13.1
76	50	Ramus♦	64	+1	0.1	0.2	...
658	496	Redland	513	-7	...	6.5	14.8
79	63	Roskel♦	66 †	...	4.3	8.7	7.0
205	135	Rugby Group	180	-4	6.4	4.8	13.3
62	23	Sandell♦	34	...	1.7	...	...
69	38	Svrfld-Rvr♦	53	-1	3.0	7.5	7.6
98	79	Sharpe&Fisher	84	...	4.0	6.3	...
161	103	Sheffield Ins	130	...	5.4	5.5	12.3
110	65	Sheriff Hldgs♦	65	...	5.1	...	5.8
148	80	Shorco♦	80	...	5.2	8.7	8.4
213	161	Smart (J)	213	...	7.9	5.1	∞
22	15½	Stanton	16	...	...	2.5	33.1
424	257	Steetley	288	+1	14.0	6.5	14.9
283	160	Tarmac	161	-11	11.2	9.3	18.1
175	106	Tay Homes	165 †	...	5.3	4.3	6.6
289	157	Taylor Woodrw	181	-3	9.5	7.0	17.1
725	508	Tilbury Group	608	+4	33.0	7.2	9.0
41	28	Torex Hire♦	36	...	1.6	...	...
251	188	Travis Perkins	235	...	8.0	4.5	30.2
62	39	Try Group	53	-1	6.0	15.1	5.7
33	22	Tudor♦	33	...	2.7	...	9.3
150	16	Turriff	27	...	4.2	20.9	...
10	3	Venture Plant♦	7	...	...	...	...
123	66	Vibroplant	106	...	3.6	4.5	10.8
208	98	Ward Group	101	...	7.2	...	4.5
100	53	Ward Hldgs	59	...	2.6	5.9	12.4
428	368	Watts Blake	404	...	9.3	3.1	15.6
44	30	Wescol♦	35	...	1.5	...	3.1
190	114	Westbury	114	...	...	10.5	14.8
52	18	West Scaffold♦	19	...	...	...	...
62	6	Wiggins	13½	...	...	...	...
447	335½	Wilson Bowdn	414	+1	...	2.7	14.2
211	162	Wilson (C)	187	...	3.7	2.7	16.8
229	148	Wimpey G	158	-2	10.5	8.9	24.1
78	43	YRM	76	...	5.0	8.8	7.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
183	120	Allied Colloids	174	-3	3.5	2.7	17.6
392	301	Amersham	382	+5	11.8	4.1	21.3
41¼	28¾	Anglo Utd	35	-1	...	6.1	...
245	148	BTP	244	...	8.4	4.6	15.4
£100¼	7281	Bayer DM50	9912	-87	...	4.6	...
223	129	Blagden	231	...	9.5	5.7	12.2
167	121	Brent Chems	149	...	7.4	6.6	15.8
128	42	Caird Gp	95	+1	...	3.3	...
169	94	Canning (W)	168	...	7.2	5.8	20.2
203	146	Croda	168	+4	11.0	...	13.3
218	165	Ellis&Everard	192	...	7.8	4.9	12.1
18	12	Euro Colour	13½	...	0.6	6.4	17.2
124	43	Evode	67	...	6.4	12.8	11.6
376	202	Halstead (J)	375	...	11.2	4.0	10.4
300	95	Hickson	190	-1	8.0	5.6	18.3
9325	6793	Hoechst	7862	...	...	7.4	...
1381	845	ICI	1250	+3	55.0	5.9	22.5
607	435	Laporte	581	+4	17.8	4.1	14.0
351	276	Leigh	282	+1	7.6	3.6	15.6
265	136	MTM	245	+1	5.1	2.8	14.5
1818	1387	Norsk Hydro	1425	-25	...	2.7	15.1
400	312	Paterson Zoch	391 †	...	10.4	3.5	∞
390	308	-do- 'A'	383 †	...	10.4	3.6	∞
228	111	Plysu	228	+1	4.5	2.6	20.3
133	73	Porvair♦	133	+2	3.0	3.0	12.3
386	203	Rentokil	354	+7	3.3	1.2	29.0
17	12	Suncliffe Speak	14	...	...	...	...
343	204	Wardle Storeys	339	+2	15.0	5.9	12.4
20	12	Wentworth♦	18	...	0.1	0.7	...
285	215	Wstnhlme R	280	...	16.3	7.8	12.3
507	327	Yorks Chem	507	...	13.5	3.6	14.1
227	89	Yule Catto	227	...	4.7	2.8	14.9

DRAPERY, STORES

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
142	24	Alan Paul♦	25	+1	...	18.1	1.8
445	267	Alexon	423	...	...	5.5	8.7
126	58¾	Amber Day	125 †	+½	2.7	2.9	∞
339	239	Argos Plc	322	-1	6.0	2.5	21.2
98	52	Ashley (Laura)	98	+5	...	0.1	...
338	255	Asprey♦	298	...	4.8	2.2	15.8
385	350	Austin Reed	365	...	9.5	3.5	58.6
150	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	150	...	5.5	4.9	12.5
195	150	Bentalls	161	...	3.8	3.2	33.4
236	73	Bitr CP♦	215	...	...	1.4	32.5
116	36½	Blacks Leis	116	+2	...	3.8	10.5
314	178	Body Shop	302	...	1.2	0.5	45.0
38½	5	Brown&Jackson	6 †	...	1.9	...	1.4
281	183	Brown (N)	280	-1	...	2.7	19.2
94½	30	Burton	45	-1½	...	8.9	5.8
188	113	Cantors 'A'	181	-2	4.0	2.9	∞
355	275	Church	315	-3	12.5	5.3	15.4
193	99	Coats Viyella	187	-2	7.0	5.1	21.4
165	109	Colourvision♦	120	...	5.6	6.2	10.7
336	154	Courts Furnish	334	...	5.0	2.0	13.0
220	82	Crown Eye♦	205 †	...	3.5	2.3	19.4
32	17½	Dewhirst (IJ)	27¼	+½	...	3.1	12.5
274	125	Dixons Grp	257	+4	5.8	3.0	22.6
520	283	Dunhill	481	+3	7.0	1.9	16.3
37	11	ERA Gp	37	...	...	...	16.3
800	695	Elys (Wimbldn)	780 †	...	16.0	2.7	5.6
248	87	Etam	233	-8	5.8	3.4	24.1
19	9½	Fields (Mrs)♦	10 #	...	...	...	...
380	212	Fine Art Dev	378	-1	9.8	3.5	15.9
95	60	Firnd Earth Tiles	90	...	4.0	6.0	17.3
454	338	Forminster	453	...	11.7	3.5	9.2
67½	29	French Conn♦	38	...	2.7	9.5	48.6
87	38	Gabbicci♦	85	-1	4.2	6.7	9.8
76	41	Gent SR	54	...	2.0	4.9	48.4
59	32	Goldsmiths Gp	46	-1	3.0	8.7	8.5
2000	1350	GUS	1988	...	37.5	2.5	17.4
1455	1048	-do- 'A'	1397	+18	37.5	3.6	12.2
32	20	Hampden Hm♦	30	...	0.2	0.9	14.2
314	153	Hartstone	303	...	3.2	1.4	19.0
29½	12	Helene Plc	23½	...	2.0	11.7	6.2
35	16	Heritage♦	23	...	...	...	...
179	83	Hogg Robinson	177	...	5.5	4.2	24.1
19	11	Hollas	16½	-½	1.2	9.7	23.2
50	20	Honeysuckle♦	28	...	...	...	...
136	90	Hse of Lerose	131 †	...	10.3	10.5	13.0
208	139	Jacques Vert	194	...	10.0	6.9	8.8
582	359	Kingfisher	564	+3	12.2	2.9	17.0
86	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67	...	4.0	8.0	7.2
660	410	Liberty	660	...	6.9	1.4	25.4
297	213½	Marks Spencer	290	+5	6.7	3.1	18.6
467	294	Menzies (John)	444	...	9.4	2.8	15.5
135	113	Moss Bros	129	-1	5.0	5.2	28.3
62½	11½	Next	56	-3½	0.7	...	...
126½	93	Oliver (G)	94	...	...	5.5	14.1
171	101	Pentos	163	...	2.5	2.0	18.9
119	72	Pepe Group♦	118	...	4.0	4.5	5.5
247	135	QS Hldgs	230	...	4.3	2.5	19.6
191	68	Ratners Group	77	-1	10.0	17.3	3.0
145	99	S&U Stores	140	...	8.0	7.6	6.5
743	330	Sherwood Gp♦	713	...	9.1	1.7	14.8
104½	71	Sears	101 †	+½	5.3	7.1	36.5
478	301	Smith WH 'A'	466	+2	12.5	3.6	15.2
41	13	Specialeyes♦	34	...	...	...	27.3
126	94	Storehouse	104	...	5.0	6.4	38.8
235	141	TBS Stores	223	...	5.0	3.0	15.2
33	18	Tie Rack	27	...	...	2.5	...
166	109	Time Products	148	...	7.2	6.7	15.2
66	32	Usher (Frank)♦	54	...	4.0	9.9	8.2
65	36	Vivat	39	...	0.5	1.7	5.9
78	55	Wearwell♦	72 †	-1	3.5	6.5	10.7
75	27	Wickes	69	...	...	...	...
37	18	Wilding Office	30	...	1.8	...	...
50	15	Wld of Leather♦	50	...	...	...	...
205	121	Wyevale♦	185	...	3.3	2.4	17.4
9	5	Xtra-vision♦	5½	-½	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
151	90	AB Elect	97 †	+1	0.1	0.1	...
150	73	ACT Group	146	...	...	3.4	14.8
203	168	Acal♦	203	...	5.4	3.5	9.9
16	11	Acorn Comp♦	11	-1	...	...	12.7
345	220	Admiral	310	-1	4.2	1.8	14.7
120	63	Alba	116	...	4.3	5.0	16.3
8	2½	Alphameric	2¼	...	...	...	...
93	31½	Amstrad	37	...	1.4	5.0	10.0
167½	50	App Holo♦	73	...	...	...	...
36	13	Arlen	21	...	0.5	3.2	...
30	8	Astec	15	...	...	...	15.4
270	109	Auto Sec	114	-9	4.9	5.7	4.6
275	168	Beales Hunter	265	...	9.1	4.6	13.0
29½	10	Bennett&Fount	19	...	...	...	∞
475	325	BICC	353	+2	19.2	7.3	11.4
304	154	Bick	304	...	7.0	3.1	15.1
3950	1460	Borland♦	3825	-100	...	...	...
239	175	Bowthorpe	225 †	+3	5.7	3.4	15.2
423½	268	BT	358½	-½	13.3	5.0	10.3
14½	7	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	9½	...	0.1	1.4	46.5
202	142	Bumfield	142	...	...	5.6	17.2
601	429	Cable Wireless	543	-6	11.8	2.9	18.7
226	132	Cambridge Elc	220	...	10.9	6.6	14.0
22	11	Chloride	13	-½	...	...	...
260	131	CML Micro♦	258	+5	2.9	1.5	14.6
194	102	Comptr People	124	...	6.2	6.8	14.0
18	10	Cranbrook♦	17	...	...	...	...
81	46	Cray Elect	69	...	...	...	...
451	276	Delta	425	...	14.0	4.4	13.7
164	135	Dennison El♦	150	...	5.6	5.0	10.2
388¾	161½	Domino	383	...	...	2.2	16.8
69	49	Dowding Mills	64	-1	2.4	5.0	15.4
725	400	Druck♦	725	+2	...	1.6	18.7
87	62	EMC	74	...	...	1.9	...
288	193	Electrocomponts	261	-4	6.6	3.4	14.8
254	72	El Data Prc	233	-9	3.0	1.7	9.5
41	17	Electron House	30	...	2.2	10.0	22.2
54	22	Emess	28	...	3.5	...	...
311	181	Eurotherm	294	...	7.0	3.2	15.6
78	35	FKI	69	...	3.3	6.4	11.2
246	156	Farnell Elec	228 †	...	5.5	3.2	13.9
36	21	Feedback♦	22	...	0.5	3.0	15.2
19	4½	Ferranti	9	+½	...	...	...
89	19	Flex Tech	41	...	1.0	3.3	...
82	41	Forward Gp♦	73	...	2.2	4.0	9.1
27½	11	Forward Tech	19½	...	...	...	...
222	166	GEC	186	+1	9.2	6.6	10.0
713	435	Harland Simon	665	...	7.5	1.5	14.5
70	49	Hilcare♦	60	...	0.5	1.1	10.3
390	345	Hoskyns Gp	389	...	2.4	0.8	29.7
113	50	INSTEM♦	76	...	2.8	5.0	5.4
215	120	Jones Stroud	177	...	8.0	6.0	10.8
29	20	Kembrey	29	...	0.3	1.7	11.1
295	163	Kewill Sys♦	278	...	5.0	2.4	8.9
143	105	Kode	105	...	7.5	...	...
35	19	Laser-Scan♦	19	...	...	...	4.0
79	42	LBMS Plc♦	67	...	...	0.8	...
320	255	Lee Refrig	255	...	14.5	7.6	21.1
166	84	Life Sciences	165	+1	2.9	2.3	21.5
244	144	Logica	230	...	3.5	2.0	∞
63	41	LPA Ind♦	56	...	3.5	8.4	10.0
393	223	Macro	385	...	11.0	3.8	16.0
64	35	Magnetic Matrs♦	61	-1	3.0	6.6	40.2
310	193	Memec-Sw♦	309	...	7.3	3.1	13.0
192	116	Microfilm Rep	187	...	3.6	2.6	18.4
2125	711	Micro Focus	1840	-13	...	...	25.8
161	93	Microlec♦	100	...	4.1	5.5	10.7
187	119	Microgen	158	...	7.0	5.9	11.8
24	10	Microvitec♦	18	...	...	...	...
205	62	Mays	196	...	...	3.9	14.3
79	44	Mnd	49	...	...	...	...
94	75	MMT Comp♦	83	...	3.0	4.8	10.1
127	70	Molynx	103	...	4.0	5.5	8.2
251	118	MTL Inst♦	251	+1	2.8	1.5	16.5
93	48	Muirhead Elec	80	...	2.0	3.3	14.3
68	45	Murray Enter	68	...	...	...	...
4675	3900	NYNEX	4387	-12	...	...	...
75	65	Newmark (L)	67	...	...	...	...
46	25	Norbain♦	40	...	0.7	2.3	10.1
81	40	Northamber	44	...	2.5	7.6	...
15	10	Oceonics	12	...	...	...	16.2
279	227	Oxford Inst	246	-3	4.1	2.2	14.1
195	128	P-E Internl	173	...	6.2	4.8	13.7
147	50	P&P	59	...	4.2	9.6	3.1
71	43	Peek	61	...	3.4	7.6	14.6
201	145	Pegasus♦	173	-1	12.1	9.8	∞
8200	6300	Philips Fin 4%	8200	...	...	7.0	...
1131	587	-do- Lmp nv	1023	...	...	...	...
365	227	Plsco	327	...	7.7	3.2	10.2
357	194	-do- 'A' Voting	302	...	7.7	3.4	9.4
71	48	Plasmec♦	51	...	3.6	...	47.0
111	78	Pressac	80 †	...	2.4	4.0	∞
93	40	Psion♦	93	+1	2.4	3.4	...
60	46	Racal Elect	55	...	3.7	9.0	5.9
58	39	Radius♦	39	-1	2.7	9.2	7.9
123	45	Real Time♦	99	-5	3.0	4.0	9.1
53	28	Riva♦	38	...	...	...	21.3
290	180	Sage Gp	274	...	...	3.4	14.7
90	41	Scantronic	50	...	2.9	7.9	16.9
135	78	Scholes Grp	118	...	5.0	5.6	12.8
499	247	Sema Gp	247	-2	2.5	1.3	23.2
140	85	Sherwd Cmp♦	127	...	5.2	5.5	6.3
33	10	Sistrom	18	...	0.3	...	...
41	30	Soundtracs♦	37	...	2.2	7.9	15.2
21	11	Sunleigh Elec♦	12	...	...	...	...
2850	1550	TDK	2300	...	...	0.9	19.8
8	5	TDS Circuits♦	6	...	...	...	...
33	15½	Telemetrix	31	+1½	0.6	2.6	13.4
821	608	THORN EMI	800	...	30.5	5.1	15.7
16	10	Total Systems♦	15	...	...	...	...
173	102	Tunstall	172	...	5.0	3.9	8.4
306	152	Unitech	257	-1	11.7	6.1	34.8
59	35	Utd Scientific	37	...	2.0	7.2	...
18	3½	Vistec♦	15	...	0.2	1.8	16.0
414	251	Vodafone	371	+1	...	1.9	22.0
295	221	Volex	293	...	17.0	7.7	15.2
27	10	Western Selectn	17	...	1.0	7.8	...
40	12	Wharfdale♦	13	...	...	...	...
395	283	Wholesale Ftgs	337	...	16.6	6.6	17.2

ELECTRICITY

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
295	212	East Midlands	252	+1	...	6.2	8.2
271	204½	Eastern Elect	238	+2	...	6.3	8.6
124½	105	Hydro-Elect	109	...	...	4.9	13.2
295	206	London Elect	257	...	...	6.1	7.1
344	230½	Manweb	295	-1	...	5.8	8.3
295	206	Midlands Elec	265	...	...	6.0	8.4
295	213	Northern Elec	265	-1	...	6.5	8.4
311	213	Norweb	277	+1	...	6.0	10.5
119¾	100	Scottish Power	106	...	...	5.0	13.6
295	204	Seeboard	265	+3	...	5.9	7.5
366	224	Sth Wales	309	-1	16.9	5.9	9.2
303	209	Sth Western	258	...	...	6.2	7.9
290	208½	Southern Elec	258	...	...	5.9	8.2
322	227	Yorkshire Elec	291	+1	...	5.7	7.8
£2810	£1425	Package Unit	£2638	+500	...	...	...
170	110	National Power	157	+2½	...	4.7	8.5
179	112	PowerGen	164	+3	...	4.6	8.6

FINANCE, LAND

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	301	Abingworth	331	...	4.0	1.6	69.6
40	25	Aitken Hume	29 †	+4	1.0	4.7	8.0
23	11	Atlantic Sec♦	11 #	...	...	...	...
54	37	BWD♦	46	...	1.7	5.1	12.5
148	90	Baltic Plc	123	...	4.1	4.5	6.0
168	118	Berkeley Govett	134	...	...	8.0	4.1
18½	5	Burns-Anderson	6½	...	...	...	...
378	329	Caledonia	330	-3	13.5	5.5	13.1
2100	1700	Cattrella	2100	...	25.0	1.6	17.4
293	213	Candover	245	...	8.5	4.6	23.3
161	103	Fleetech♦	140	+1	1.5	1.4	14.5
11	6	Guidehouse♦	6	...	0.1	2.2	...
362	130	Harvey Thomp	219	+6	16.5	...	...
19	8½	IFICO	9	...	...	...	9.1
130	53	Ivory Sime	130	...	5.7	5.9	22.1
12	5½	LIT	7¼	...	...	...	...
135	86	Lon Forfaiting♦	115	-3	7.2	8.4	13.1
157	6½	Nat Home Loan	6½	-1	9.0	40.0	0.4
34	21	Newmarket	24	...	...	...	...
368	141	Rathbone Bro♦	360	-3	8.0	3.0	16.7
22	9	Rutland Tst	13	...	0.8	8.2	7.9
85	48	Silvermines Plc	66	-5	...	7.7	20.0
56	33	Singer&Fried	45	-1	2.5	7.4	10.4
875	538	Sothebys	725	...	...	7.4	...
85	58	SJP Capital	83	...	3.0	4.8	11.3
262	168	Templtn Gbrth	260	-2	...	2.8	12.7

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1787	968	Amer Express	1050 †	-25	...	...	...
262	210	Electra	221	...	6.1	3.7	23.5
705	535	Henderson Ad	688	+25	37.5	7.4	13.8
111	58	Invesco MIM	100	-2	6.0	8.0	23.9
127	87	MAI	124	-2	5.5	5.9	10.0
893	453	MAM	890	...	25.0	3.7	15.6
600	355	M&G	564	-4	17.0	4.0	17.2
145	95	Smith New Ct	124	+1	3.5	3.8	27.8
56	27	Sterling Tst♦	55	...	...	9.7	5.0

FOODS

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
545	421	AB Food	459	+5	12.2	3.5	10.2
123	32	ASDA Group	43½	+1½	...	6.4	5.0
135	84	Albert Fisher	85 †	...	3.7	5.9	8.2
35	10	Alpine Group	12	...	...	...	...
315	234½	Argyll	275	+4	...	4.2	12.6
119	49	Ashley Group	49	-1	1.6	4.4	5.5
159	112	Assoc Fisheries	143	...	7.0	6.5	11.0
157	130	Bks (S C)	153	...	8.0	7.0	7.6
239	153	Barr (AG)	200	...	...	3.5	12.4
137	95	Bensons Crisps♦	125	...	2.7	2.9	9.7
42	17	Berisford Intl	27	...	...	...	...
27	12	Bio Isolates♦	23	...	...	...	10.7
491	409	Booker	455	+1	21.2	6.2	13.9
41½	29	Borthwick	34½	...	1.0	3.9	28.7
421	266	Brake Bros	421	+2	5.2	1.7	18.3
58	26	Budgen	38	+1	...	...	...
440	314	Cadbury-Schw	407	+2	11.5	3.8	15.8
167	110	Carrs Milling	112	...	7.5	...	28.0
66	46	Clarke Foods♦	54 #	...	2.0	4.9	10.5
237	155	Clifford Fd 'A'	212	...	11.0	6.9	8.2
138	70	Cranswick♦	138	...	6.5	6.3	10.4
41	28	Cullens	40	...	0.5	1.7	12.2
92	66½	Dairy Farm Intl	67	...	...	3.9	12.8
439	332	Dalgety	370	+2	18.5	6.7	10.8
74	53	Daniels S	53	...	1.2	...	...
226	124	Farepak♦	226	+20	3.7	2.2	20.6
76	59	Finlay (James)	70	...	4.1	8.1	7.9
105	81	Fyffes	87	+3	...	1.4	15.4
363	258	Geest	340	+3	7.0	2.8	13.4
28	12	Global♦	16	...	0.5	4.2	7.9
209	138	Hazlewood Fds	191	+2	5.8	4.0	11.2
265	152	Hillsdown	200	+3	...	5.3	8.5
11	3	Hughes Food♦	4 #	...	0.2	...	1.5
85	52	Hunter Saphir	60	...	5.0	11.2	3.1

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1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
114	84	Triton Europe	102	+2	...	1.4	19.0
358	233	Ultramar	348	...	10.5	4.1	24.8
197	102	Woodside	196	+2	...	1.0	59.0
7	1½	XCL Sambe	3	...	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

1990/91 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
148	75	APT	115	...	...	8.7	19.8
21	11	ATA Selection♦	13	...	1.0	10.3	...
292	166	Arjo Wiggins	266	-1	8.3	4.2	12.6
376	175	Abbott Mead	375	...	7.8	2.8	18.0
9	1½	Acsis Group	3½	...	0.4	...	...
15	10	Addison Cons	14½	...	...	...	...

BRITISH FUNDS

90-91 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
		SHORTS (under 5 years)				
99¹⁷⁄₃₂	96²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 8% 1991	99²⁹⁄₃₂xd	..	9.02	10.11
97	91¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas 3% 1992	97 †	+¹⁄₁₆	3.09	8.18
99¼	95¹¹⁄₁₆	Treas 5% 1992	99¼	...	8.07	9.94
100⅛	97²⁵⁄₃₂	Treas 10% 1992	99⅞	..	10.01	9.98
100²³⁄₃₂	98¼	Treas 10½% 1992	100¼ †	..	10.47	9.94
102⅝	100⅛	Exch 12¼% 1992	101¼	...	12.04	9.84
101¼	100⅛	Treas 12¾% 1992	100⅜	...	12.70	10.16
104¼	102⅝	Exch 13½% 1992	103	...	13.11	9.74
95¾	89⅝	Fund 6% 1993	95⅛	..	6.31	8.92
98⅜	94	Treas 8¼% 1993	98⅛	+¹⁄₁₆	8.40	9.66
100⅜	97⅜	Treas 10% 1993	100⅜	+⅛	9.97	9.74
104⅜	102¼	Treas 12½% 1993	104⅛	+⅛	12.01	9.78
108⅜	105⅜	Treas 13¾% 1993	107⅛ †	+⅛	12.84	9.82
97⅞	92¹³⁄₁₆	Treas 8½% 1994	97⅛	+⅛	8.72	9.71
98⅝	93⅛	Treas 9% 1994	98⅛ †	+⅛	9.18	9.72
101⅛	96⅝	Treas 10% 1994	100⅝ †	+⅛	9.94	9.71
107⅛	103⅜	Exch 12½% 1994	106⅛	...	11.76	9.82
109	105⅝	Exch 13½% 1994	107⅛	+⅛	12.51	9.81
111⅛	108⅜	Treas 14½% 1994	109⅜	...	13.24	9.81
89	82⅛	Gas 3% 1990-95	88⅝	...	3.39	6.67
102⅛	96⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	101⅛	+⅛	10.10	9.75
106⅛	102⅝	Treas 12% 1995	105⅝	+⅛	11.34	9.78
110⅝	105⅞	Treas 12¾% 1995	109⅝ †	+⅛	11.64	9.83
		MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)				
99⅜	92⅝	Treas 9% 1992-96	98⅞	+⅛	9.11	9.31
101⅝	95⅝	Conv 10% 1996	100⅛xd	+⅛	9.91	9.75
101⅝	95⅝	Conv 10% 1996 B	100⅛xd	...	10.11	9.75
112⅝	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	111⅝ †	+⅛	11.86	9.95
114⅝	109⅝	Treas 14% 1996	113⅝	+⅛	12.36	10.02
119¹⁵⁄₁₆	115⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	118⅞	+⅛	12.85	9.99
96⅝	89⅜	Treas 8¾% 1997	95⅞	+⅛	9.14	9.72
103⅝	97⅛	Exch 10½% 1997	102⅝	+⅛	10.22	9.79
114⅝	108⅛	Treas 13¼% 1997	113⅜	+⅛	11.72	9.94
123⅛	117	Exch 15% 1997	121⅛	+⅛	12.33	10.09
88⅜	80⅛	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	87⅜	-⅛	7.68	9.23
100⅛	93⅛	Exch 9¾% 1998	99⅝	+⅛	9.78	9.80
111⅜	104⅛	Exch 12% 1998	110⅛ †	-⅛	10.89	9.94
129⅛	121⅛	Treas 15½% 1998	126⅝	-⅛	12.23	9.99
100⅛	92⅞	Treas 9½% 1999	99	-⅛	9.60	9.66
103⅛	95⅝	Conv 10¼% 1999	102⅛ †	+⅛	10.04	9.80
104⅜	97⅛	Treas 10½% 1999	103⅛ †	+⅛	10.14	9.84
113⅛	105⅜	Exch 12¼% 1999	111⅜	+⅛	10.96	9.95
97⅜	89⅜	Conv 9% 2000	96⅛	+⅛	9.36	9.69
118⅜	110⅛	Treas 13% 2000	116⅜	+⅛	11.13	10.04
103⅛	94⅜	Treas 10% 2001	101⅛	..	9.88	9.78
119⅜	113⅜	Treas 14% 1998-01	118⅛ †	..	11.83	10.09
101⅜	92⅜	Treas 9¾% 2002	99⅝	..	9.77	9.77
104⅜	94⅜	Treas 10% 2003	101⅝	..	9.85	9.79
62⅛	53⅛	Fund 3½% 1999-04	60⅛	-⅛	5.90	8.73
100⅜	90⅜	Conv 9½% 2004	98⅛	..	9.69	9.77
111	102	Treas 11½% 2001-04	109⅛ †	-⅛	10.54	9.98
100⅜	90⅜	Conv 9½% 2005	98⅛	..	9.68	9.75
121⅜	111	Treas 12½% 2003-05	118⅜xd	+⅛	10.53	9.83
		LONGS (over 15 years)				
88⅜	79⅜	Treas 8% 2002-06	86⅝	+⅛	9.26	9.74
93¼	84⅜	Treas 6¾% 2007	90⅛	..	9.37	9.66
115⅜	105⅜	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	112⅛	+⅛	10.41	9.83
98	86⅜	Treas 9% 2008	95⅛	-⅛	9.46	9.59
129⅜	118⅜	Treas 13½% 2004-08	126⅛	-⅛	10.71	9.82
90⅜	80	Treas 8% 2009	86⅛	-⅛	9.25	9.59
97⅜	88⅛	Conv 9% 2011	94⅛	-⅛	9.49	9.57
66	58⅛	Treas 5½% 2008-12	63⅜	+⅛	8.62	9.52
85⅜	76⅛	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	82⅛	..	9.35	9.58
125¾	113⅜	Exch 12% 2013-17	121⅜xd	+⅛	9.85	9.60
		UNDATED				
26⅛	23⅜	Consols 2½%	25⅜ †	..	9.85	...
26⅛	23⅛	Treas 2½%	25⅛	..	9.95	...
30⅛	28⅛	Treas 3%	29⅛	..	10.04	...
60⅛	57⅛	Conv 3½%	59⅝	+⅛	5.86	...
41⅛	37⅜	Consols 4%	40⅝	+⅛	9.86	...
37⅝	33⅜	War LN 3½%	36⅛ †	+⅛	9.64	...
		INDEX-LINKED				
133⅜	125⅛	Treas IL 2% 1992	133⅜	+⅛	1.98	7.91
122⅜	115⅜	Treas IL 2% 1994	122⅜xd	..	2.57	3.57
176⅜	168⅜	Treas IL 2% 1996	176⅜	..	3.39	3.93
145⅛	137⅜	Treas IL 2½% 2001	144⅛	..	3.87	4.17
140⅜	133	Treas IL 2½% 2003	140⅜xd	..	3.95	4.21
143	135	Treas IL 2% 2006	142⅜	..	4.03	4.24
130⅜	124⅜	Treas IL 2½% 2009	130⅛ †	..	4.07	4.26
135	128⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2011	134⅜	+⅛	4.08	4.25
111⅛	105⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2013	110⅜	+⅛	4.09	4.25
119⅜	113⅜	Treas IL 2½% 2016	117⅛	+⅛	4.09	4.25
113⅜	109⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2020	112⅜xd	+⅛	4.10	4.23
95⅛	91⅛	Treas IL 2½% 2024	93⅛	+⅛	4.09	4.22

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Amer Inc Gth	29.40	31.17†	-0.04	2.55
European	66.54	70.60	+0.02	0.52
European Inc	71.13	75.04	+0.10	1.63
Exempt	788.7	814.8†		5.01
Extra Inc	38.92	42.28	-0.02	5.86
F East Emerg Ec	46.23	49.62	+0.19	1.29

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre, Swindon, SN1 1EL.
0793 514514. Dealing: 0793 610366

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc	342.3	364.5	+0.10	5.48
Equity Inc	190.6	202.9	+0.40	5.05
High Yield	203.2	216.4†		5.40
Balanced	556.5	592.6	+1.90	3.43
American Inc	34.85	37.11	+0.29	3.96
Wld Asset Val	32.17	34.26	+0.17	1.23
Japan	143.3	151.5	-0.60	0.01
Secs of Am	319.5	338.6	+2.60	0.14

BL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
PO Box 128, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4PN.
081 663 7030

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gth	81.11	86.74	-0.26	1.58
1992 Euro Sp Op	60.94	65.16	-0.12	1.57
International Inc	68.66	73.42	-0.08	2.88
N American Gth	47.80	51.12	-0.57	1.57
Pacific Growth	71.66	76.63		2.02
UK Growth Acc	81.32	86.97†	-0.42	2.58
UK Growth Dist	71.36	76.31†	-0.37	3.25
UK Income	59.22	63.32†	-0.32	7.08

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn Hse, 252 Romford Rd, London E7.
081 534 5544

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	88.13	94.55	-0.48	3.39
Euro Gth Inc	90.62	96.66	-0.32	1.95
Extra Inc	93.87	100.4†	-0.40	6.66
General	200.1	214.0†	-0.90	4.06
Gilt Fxd Inc	52.57	54.45	-0.13	10.17
Income	428.6	458.4	-2.20	6.00

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 156, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ.
081 658 9002

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	65.01	68.80	-0.39	0.4
Amer Smllr Cos	73.24	77.98	-0.50	0.2
Australia	63.40	67.97	+0.51	1.9
Convertibles	45.64	48.81†		8.5
Eastern	126.9	135.3	+0.90	1.3
Equity Income	73.72	78.42†	-0.32	7.0
European Gth	175.1	185.9	+0.50	2.2
Euro Smllr Cos	151.4	161.7	-0.60	1.5
Exempt	69.73	71.94		3.9
German Growth	45.21	48.27	+0.19	1.1
Global Growth	81.64	87.26	-0.10	1.0
Japan Growth	163.4	174.8	-0.20	0.0
Japan Sunrise	134.3	143.3	-0.40	0.0
Portfolio	99.06	103.1	+0.10	3.9
-do- Acc	169.3	176.2	+0.10	3.9
UK Growth	56.67	60.28	-0.13	4.2
UK Smaller Cos	72.85	77.91†	+0.21	2.9
Select Managers	54.57	58.05	-0.03	3.1

BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD
190 West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA.
041 332 3132

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balan Gth Acc	83.92	89.75	+0.45	2.71
-do- Inc	76.30	83.60†	+0.42	2.71
Global Bond	23.18	24.79	+0.02	6.03
High Yield Acc	41.23	44.10	+0.27	4.90
-do- Inc	32.19	34.42†	+0.21	4.90
Income Gth Acc	59.87	64.03	-0.12	5.59
-do- Inc	42.52	45.48	-0.09	5.59
Service Co Acc	72.25	77.27	+0.63	1.98
-do- Inc	68.03	72.76†	+0.59	1.98
Amer Gth Acc	34.58	36.98	+0.08	1.08
-do- Inc	33.93	36.29	+0.08	1.08
Euro Gth Acc	25.34	27.10	+0.01	1.40
-do- Inc	24.65	26.36	+0.01	1.40
Mngd P folio	25.54	27.31	+0.09	.

BROWN SHIPLEY
9/17 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath.
0444 458144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Financial	99.09	105.5	-0.50	4.48
Smaller Cos Acc	191.7	204.2	-0.50	

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Growth	320.5	341.0	+0.70	5.01
-do- Acc	399.7	425.3	+1.00	5.01
Master Portfolio	8244.0	8659.0†	+6.00	2.78
-do- Acc	9225.0	9689.0	+6.00	2.78
Special Sits	66.92	71.20	+0.13	2.84
-do- Acc	75.37	80.19	+0.15	2.84
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	992.5	1024.0†	+2.00	5.89
-do- Acc	1099.0	1133.0	+3.00	5.89

CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
3 Harbour Exchange Square, London
E14 9GJ. 071 955 5050 Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Index	147.1	156.9	+0.30	2.03
Capital	453.4	483.8†	+1.20	3.88
European Index	110.4	117.8		2.11
Euro Gth	71.76	76.58	+0.15	1.98
Far East Growth	67.67	72.21	+0.32	1.17
Global Bond	20.47	21.83	-0.05	8.48
Gold General	60.84	64.93	-0.31	2.27
Hong Kong	40.31	43.02	+0.73	3.27
Income	434.0	463.1†	-0.20	5.69
Intl Growth	61.09	65.19	+0.08	1.31
Japan Growth	216.2	230.7†	-0.30	..
Japan Smllr Cos	30.85	32.92	-0.03	...
Japan Index	66.16	70.60	-0.04	0.32
Nth American	305.4	325.9	+0.40	1.87
S pore Mly Gth	32.23	34.39	+0.09	...
Tiger Index	86.41	92.21	+0.39	1.31
Trnue Index	93.80	100.1	-0.20	4.90
UK Index	108.4	115.6	+0.20	3.95

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
16 Tokenhouse Yard, London EC2R 7AN.
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American P folio	58.16	62.21	-0.90	1.73
European P folio	59.61	63.51	-0.48	1.23
Japanese P folio	46.80	49.77		0.00
Pacific P folio	62.88	67.62	-0.55	2.94
Cazenove P folio	59.16	63.28	-0.30	3.18
UK Income Gth	55.72	59.92	-0.28	6.96

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ.
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Investment Fd	554.0	564.0	-2.70	...
Fixed Int	141.3	141.9	+0.40	10.22
Deposit	10.25	-	10.65	3-Mth

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2 Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
071 588 1815

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	523.8	528.8	-1.80	5.54
-do- Acc	1921.3	1937.2	-1.70	...
Deposit	10.25	-	10.65	3-Mth
Fxd Int Inc	114.6	114.8	-0.60	10.10
-do- Acc	131.9	132.2	+0.30	...

CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge, SE1.
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
City Fin Assets	52.47	55.24†	+0.11	2.89
Beckman Intl	63.77	65.56†	+0.08	5.30
Friars Hse Inc	167.3	177.3†	-1.90	5.39
Friars Hse Cap	212.1	224.8	+0.30	2.72

COMMERCIAL UT MANAGERS
St Helens, 1 Undershaft, London
EC3P 3DQ Enquiries: 081 681 2222. Dealing:
081 686 9818

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	75.64	80.47	+0.63	1.15
European Gth	74.12	78.85	-0.17	1.04
Far East Gth	72.57	77.20	+0.31	0.47
Japan Gth Acc	36.21	38.52†	-0.30	0.00
Managed	52.63	55.99†	+0.14	3.82
-do- Acc	61.52	65.45	+0.16	0.47
Mthly Inc Plus	41.85	44.52	-0.06	9.77
Smaller Cos	29.14	31.00	-0.07	2.32
-do- Acc	31.26	33.26	-0.07	2.32
UK General	60.88	64.77	+0.21	3.06
-do- Acc	69.79	74.24	+0.23	3.06
Wwide Bd	49.97	53.16	+0.01	5.11
-do- Acc	59.83	63.65	+0.01	5.11
Wwide Sp Sits	43.60	46.63	-0.02	0.54
-do- Acc	45.23	48.37	-0.03	4.97
Quilter General	104.5	111.23†	+0.44	1.75
-do- Acc	112.3	119.5	+0.47	1.75
Quilter Income	87.01	92.56	+0.21	4.48
-do- Acc	98.44	104.7	+0.24	4.48
Quilter Intl	103.9	110.5		0.00
-do- Acc	104.8	111.5		0.00
Quilter UK Spec	70.15	74.63	+0.11	3.24
-do- Acc	90.55	96.33	+0.15	3.24
CU Prestige Fund Management				
Fin Property	85.58	91.04	-0.52	2.89
Fixed Conv	33.85	36.01	+0.01	9.09
-do- Acc	81.17	86.35	+0.04	9.09
Equity Inc	126.8	134.8	+0.39	5.30
-do- Acc	377.0	401.0	+1.19	5.30

EQUITY & LAW
St George's Hse, Corporation St, Coventry
CV1 1QD. 0203 553231

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Acc	260.7	277.4†	-0.60	3.55
-do- Inc	193.1	205.5†	-0.40	3.55
Higher Inc Acc	452.4	481.3†	-1.70	5.00
-do- Inc	292.8	311.5†	-1.20	5.00
Gilt/Fxd Int Acc	141.5	149.0	+0.20	8.77
-do- Inc	81.50	85.79	+0.11	8.77
Nth America	178.5	189.9†	-1.20	0.00
Far East	228.5	243.1†	+0.10	0.39
Europe	195.9	208.5†		0.00
General Inc	354.1	376.8†	-0.80	3.40
-do- Acc	373.6	397.5†	-0.90	3.40
Brit Excell	54.47	57.95†	-0.06	3.30
Brit Fndmtls Inc	55.20	58.73†	-0.37	6.12
Brit Fndmtls Acc	66.74	71.00†	-0.45	6.12
Global Opps	57.53	61.21†	-0.17	0.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd,
Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
America	160.9	170.1	-0.30	0.00
Cash Unit Tst	133.6	133.6	+0.02	10.72
European Inc	93.28	100.1†	-0.30	0.00
Growth Inc	127.0	136.2		5.17

FOREIGN & COLONIAL
8th Floor, Exchange Hse, Primrose St,
London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	78.37	82.99	+0.11	3.74
Far Eastern	116.8	124.5†		0.00
Oseas Income	69.38	73.75	-0.25	3.25
UK Growth	69.99	74.84	-0.45	1.71
UK Income	96.02	102.7	-0.80	6.33
US Smaller Cos	138.9	148.6†	-0.50	0.00

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT.
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Am Smllr Co	298.7	324.0	+0.10	0.00
-do- Acc	305.2	331.0	+0.10	0.00
Capital	255.0	271.2†	-0.30	3.09
-do- Acc	342.9	364.7†	-0.40	3.09
Coml Smllr Cos	40.92	43.63		0.11
-do- Acc	41.61	44.36		0.11
Convertible	104.3	110.5	-0.10	7.38
-do- Acc	176.0	186.5	-0.30	7.38

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Guardhill	363.8	388.6	+0.20	3.05
Income Trust	98.57	105.3	-0.20	5.08
International	123.3	131.7	-0.60	0.39
Managed	101.6	108.5	-0.10	1.87
Nth American	179.3	191.5†	-1.30	0.65
Pacific	299.2	319.6†	-1.20	0.00
Prop Shares	204.6	218.5	-0.90	4.57
Small Cos	226.4	241.8†	+0.80	2.06
European	303.9	324.6	-1.10	0.46

HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
PO Box 600, Edinburgh EH15 1EW.
0800 838868

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Adv Inc	29.16	30.92	-0.30	2.60
-do- Acc	29.83	31.62	-0.30	2.60

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries: 0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Equity Inc	51.70	54.85†	-52	4.89
Canadian	50.66	54.27†	-0.23	0.18
Equity Income	95.18	101.3	-0.30	6.12
European	117.9	124.7	-0.60	0.96
High Income	61.45	65.37†	-0.19	8.00
Intl Situation	61.38	65.65	+0.09	0.00
Japan Far East	88.26	93.64†	+0.36	0.00
North American	74.48	79.02	-0.48	0.51
Scandinavian	97.66	103.5	-0.40	0.96
Smaller Cos	26.12	27.79	-0.05	2.8.
UK New Gentn	35.69	37.97	-0.03	2.16

HENDERSON
PO Box 2003, Brentwood, Essex
CM13 1XT. Enquiries: 0277 227300. Dealing:
0277 690370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Smaller	59.97	64.51†	-0.21	0.00
Asian Enterprise	73.55	78.78	+0.44	1.77
Australian	123.2	131.76†	+0.85	3.74
European	286.1	303.21†	+0.27	0.88
European Inc	57.70	61.06	+0.21	3.08
Euro Smll Co	101.6	108.07†	-0.14	1.04
Extra Income	231.4	246.3	+0.78	6.76
Family of Funds	55.83	59.42	-0.36	1.43
Fixed Interest	49.69	53.90	-0.02	8.97
Global Resour	70.95	76.15	-0.19	1.53
High Inc	255.6	273.33†	-0.24	6.01
Income Gth	207.9	221.5	-0.02	5.27
-do- Acc	491.9	523.8	-0.05	5.27

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Prog Inc	68.40	73.15	-0.36	7.34
Gt British Cos	44.63	47.73	-0.13	2.37
UK Small Cos	39.60	42.36	-0.10	2.95

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London
E14 9GE. 071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	119.8	119.81	+0.10	10.45
Gilt Fixed	109.0	115.6	+0.20	8.18
Growth Equity	260.3	279.0	-0.70	3.14

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Gilt Yield	109.0	115.1	+0.30	9.11
Global Income	161.7	172.0†	+2.74	4.65
High Yield	113.2	120.4†		6.09
Smllr Cos Div	39.16	41.66†	-0.12	6.72
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	65.39	69.56	-0.53	0.35
North American	55.83	59.39	-0.35	1.40
European	108.3	115.2	-1.40	0.80
Euro Special	69.86	74.32	-0.06	1.33
Fund of Inv Tsts	27.02	28.74	-0.03	2.64

SG TOUCHE REMNANT
Mermaid Hse, 2 Puddle Dock, London
EC4V 3AT. 071 248 1250

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gth	54.64	58.43	+0.06	0
Euro Spec Sits	35.37	37.61†	-0.01	0
-do- Acc	36.91	39.25	-0.01	0
Far East Opps	18.77	20.18	+0.15	0
-do- Acc	19.15	20.59	+0.16	0
General Growth	82.28	87.76	+0.32	2.16
Global Tech	85.68	92.12†	-0.08	0
Income Growth	87.47	93.06	+0.20	5.37

WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
1 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG.
0705 388046

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Stockmarket Fd	54.13	57.58	+0.07	3.40

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday)
Dow Jones .... 3047.18 (+1.56)
S&P Composite ...... 391.29 (+1.01)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge .... 24950.86 (-93.38)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 4146.54 (+63.50)

FT-SE Euro 100 1092.54 (+4.47)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 89.1 (+0.4)

Sydney: AO .... 1692.7 (+11.0)

Frankfurt: DAX .. 1576.12 (+5.91)

Brussels:
General .... 5525.65 (+22.90)

Paris: CAC .... 492.95 (-2.76)

Zurich: SKA Gen ...... 485.4 (+3.8)

London:
FT A All-Share .... 1228.64 (-4.97)
FT 500 .... 1374.21 (-7.53)
FT Gold Mines .... 154.7 (+0.6)
FT Fixed interest ..... 96.16 (-0.32)
FT Govt Secs .... 86.50 (+0.04)
Bargains 23894
SEAQ Volume 528.7m
USM (Datastream) 140.35 (-0.57)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
November 4	November 15	February 6	February 17

Call options were taken out on 5/11/91: ASDA, Auto Secs, Burton, Persimmon, Nat Home Loan, Pittencrieff, Telemetrix. Puts: French Connection, Maxwell Comm. Put & Call: Maxwell Comm.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

FT-SE 100
Previous open interest: 34975

Three Month Sterling
Previous open interest: 144608

Three Mth Eurodollar
Previous open interest: 35290

Three Mth Euro DM
Previous open interest: 170359

US Treasury Bond
Previous open interest: 4586

Long Gilt
Previous open interest: 46494

Japanese Govmt Bond

German Govmt Bond
Previous open interest: 66133

Three month ECU
Previous open interest: 5091

Euro Swiss Franc
Previous open interest: 23249

Italian Govmt Bond
Previous open interest: 17113

COMMODITIES

REPORT: Raw sugar futures held steady in afternoon trading in spite of news that a French trade house had signed barter deals with the Soviet Union. Despite the release of export figures the wheat market continued in a lacklustre manner with values remaining in narrow trading ranges. The cocoa market mainly reflected a lack of selling rather than any significant buying interest.

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 91.2 (day's range 91.1-91.2).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.2681-3.2789	3.2753-3.2789	⅜-¼pr	¾-⅝pr
Brussels	59.67-60.00	59.79-60.00	9-5pr	17-6pr
Copenhagen	11.2346-11.2784	11.2544-11.2784	1⅝-1¼pr	3⅜-2¾pr
Dublin	1.0865-1.0895	1.0870-1.0880	11-6pr	18-9pr
Frankfurt	2.9038-2.9099	2.9047-2.9081	⅜-¼pr	⅝-½pr
Lisbon	248.72-250.19	248.90-249.92	38-58ds	157-204ds
Madrid	182.38-183.20	182.38-183.02	27-47ds	78-114ds
Milan	2174.10-2182.41	2174.10-2178.87	¾-1½ds	3½-4½ds
Montreal	1.9790-1.9868	1.9822-1.9856	0.51-0.31pr	0.90-0.76pr
New York	1.7670-1.7700	1.7690-1.7700	0.84-0.83pr	2.29-2.27pr
Oslo	11.3600-11.4023	11.3782-11.4023	1⅛pr-⅛ds	⅝pr-⅛ds
Paris	9.9129-9.9439	9.9294-9.9439	1⅛-1pr	2⅝-2⅜pr
Stockholm	10.5702-10.6165	10.5910-10.6147	par-⅛ds	¾-1⅛ds
Tokyo	229.18-229.92	229.62-229.92	⅜-¼pr	2½-2⅜pr
Vienna	20.4106-20.4754	20.4461-20.4754	2¼-1¼pr	5½-2¼pr
Zurich	2.5595-2.5665	2.5633-2.5665	⅝-½pr	1⅜-1¼pr

Source: Extel

Premium - pr. Discount - ds

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	17507.1-17544.6
Australia dollar	2.2563-2.2591
Bahrain dinar	0.6635-0.6715
Brazil cruzeiro*	1173.66-1174.86
Cyprus pound	0.806-0.816
Finland marka	7.035-7.095
Greece drachma	325.15-328.35
Hong Kong dollar	13.7309-13.7406
India rupee	45.45-45.85
Kuwait dinar KD	0.5035-0.5095
Malaysia ringgit	4.8452-4.8534
Mexico peso	5390-5490
New Zealand dollar	3.1393-13.1467
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.6025-6.6825
Singapore dollar	2.9568-2.9621
S Africa rand (fin)	5.4492-5.5375

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.2755-1.2763
Austria	11.57-11.59
Belgium (Com)	33.82-33.86
Canada	1.1212-1.1217
Denmark	6.3700-6.3750
France	5.6170-5.6220
Germany	1.6420-1.6430
Hong Kong	7.7620-7.7630
Ireland	1.6250-1.6265
Italy	1232.0-1233.0
Japan	129.72-129.82
Malaysia	2.7390-2.7420
Netherlands	1.8510-1.8520
Norway	6.4400-6.4450
Portugal	141.30-141.50

Jenbacher in agreed bid for Telfos

By Angela Mackay

SHARES in Telfos, the locomotive and rolling stock manufacturer, soared 50p after Jenbacher, an Austrian engineering company, made an agreed cash bid valuing the battered British group at £51 million. The offer was unconditional by midday after the Austrian company said it could speak for 51 per cent.

Jenbacher is paying 115p a share — an 83 per cent premium over Monday's closing price. Yesterday lunchtime, Telfos was quoted at 113p, compared with the year's low of 44p.

The Austrian company, which manufactures rolling stock for Austrian Federal Railways, took a 29 per cent stake in Telfos, worth £14 million, in April after the UK group said some subsidiaries were in financial difficulties.

These problems were uncovered by William Cook, the steel castings group, which bid £38 million for Telfos in January but withdrew its offer after learning of the difficulties, which called for further extraordinary provisions.

Andrew Cook, the chairman of William Cook, holds a 3 per cent stake in Telfos. Brokers said they did not believe Mr Cook had accepted Jenbacher's offer.

Since the aborted bid, Telfos's management, led by Roger Pinnington, the chairman, has been sifting through the business, cutting back its workforce, reorganising its site at Hunslet, Leeds, and turning round its troublesome Hungarian subsidiary company, Ganz-Hunslet.

The big decision facing management was whether the company could compete with its rivals, GEC Alsthom and Asea Brown Boveri, or establish a more permanent link with another company.

Telfos's announcement three months ago of a pre-tax loss of £5.84 million for the 15 months to March 31, compared with a £5.27 million profit previously, preceded Jenbacher's overtures and helped the board to make up its mind.

Jenbacher has already helped Telfos to revive the Hungarian business and says the strong working relationship should result in a smooth takeover. Telfos's advisers, Baring Brothers, said the Austrian firm had indicated that it would like to maintain the existing management. Jenbacher has had two representatives on the Telfos board for some time.

Listed in Vienna, Jenbacher has a market capitalisation of about £82 million and is one of the biggest manufacturers of railway rolling stock in Austria. The company is ultimately controlled by Auricon, a listed Austrian industrial holding company.

Euro-American group pays record $10m for sequel to classic film

Scarlett may rescue CBS from red

From Philip Robinson
in New York

CBS, once the flagship American television network, is hoping that Scarlett O'Hara will rescue profits that, in the recent past, have *Gone With the Wind*. The company is part of a Euro-American consortium paying a record $10 million to make the television sequel to the classic 1939 film.

CBS announced $169.1 million third-quarter losses last week, largely due to writeoffs on baseball and American football contracts.

In Los Angeles last weekend, the troubled television network headed the consortium to buy the rights to the book *Scarlett*, by Alexandra Ripley, panned by the critics but which is believed to have sold five million copies worldwide. Among those beaten was Zev Braun, an independent film producer, who said he was backed by Thames Television.

The sequel will never appear on the big screen, but will be made as an eight-hour mini series by the production company that put together the successful *Lonesome Dove* series, and will be released simultaneously in America and Europe.

The deal could also significantly influence the fate of CBS, a constant rumoured bid target for Walt Disney and which recently bet $2 billion that exclusive rights to two major American sports would prove profitable — and lost.

The book deal has been made with partners Silvio Berlusconi, the Italian television magnate, Kirch Group, the German media conglomerate, and RHI Entertainment, the American TV production company. CBS will put up two-thirds of the $30 million production costs.

The price paid for *Scarlett* is four times higher than the previous record bid for the rights to a best seller, but Robert Halmi, chairman of RHI, which produced *Lonesome Dove*, the 1989 ratings grabbing western, said: "The amount we are paying is idiotic. It's as close to eight figures as you can possibly get." However, he predicts another blockbuster.

CBS could use one. After delaying the news for three weeks, it finally announced a third-quarter loss on Friday, the largest in its history. CBS paid $2.06 billion for Major League Baseball and National Football League contracts and, so far, has had to write off $604 million.

The numbers stunned Wall Street, where CBS shares dived. The games had attracted fewer advertisers than the station expected and some events had to compete with the continual coverage on cable television of the Clarence Thomas and Anita Hill sexual harassment hearings.

Wall Street believes the broadcaster overpaid for the rights by about 30 per cent. That surprised many. Laurence Tisch, aged 68, the CBS chairman, and a member of one of America's richest families, which controls and runs Loews Corp, the tobacco insurance and hotels group, has a reputation as an economiser, not a spender.

Mr Tisch, however, has also paid $546 million for the rights to cover two winter Olympics and $1 billion for seven years of college basketball and writeoffs already announced do not cover these contracts.

CBS shares have fallen 20 per cent in the past year from a peak of $188.375. However, they rallied $2.25 to $158 on news of a romantic revival of Scarlett and Rhett.

Mr Halmi, whose production company is known for bringing big star names to the small screen, says he wants an unknown actress to play Scarlett O'Hara, first played by Vivien Leigh, at that time, another unknown.

Bidding for the rights was frantic. William Morris, the Los Angeles talent agents who conducted the auction, placed a $2 million reserve price on the rights, but the first bid was $3 million and within five days had tripled to just less than $10 million.

Sr Berlusconi changed sides at the last minute. He had been bidding with ABC, CBS's television network rival.

Small screen team: Silvio Berlusconi (left) who joined Laurence Tisch's consortium

Yorkshire fights to keep new licence

By Melinda Wittstock
Media Correspondent

SIR Derek Palmar, chairman of Yorkshire Television, has called on shareholders to reject attempts to take over their franchise by unsuccessful bid rivals White Rose Television.

Yorkshire shareholders, burdened with a £37.7 million annual bill for success in the ITV blind tender, had been asked to reject the licence in return for free shares in White Rose which believes it would then be automatically awarded the franchise.

But in a letter to shareholders Sir Derek warned that nothing could stop the ITC from re-advertising the licence, with no guarantee White Rose or Yorkshire would win second time around.

Anxiety at the size of Yorkshire's bid has caused its shares to slump to 162p, half their peak in the past year. White Rose, which bid just £17.4 million, said it has received overwhelming support for its proposal from City institutions and Yorkshire's smaller shareholders.

But Sir Derek promised shareholders that Yorkshire's broadcasting division would remain profitable under the new franchise.

He said Yorkshire had already received proxy votes in its support from W.H. Smith and Pearson, who together control about 39 per cent of the company. Shareholders were sent proxy forms for the vote on November 20 with their letters yesterday.

Microgen sells distributor

MICROGEN Holdings has sold the equipment, inventory and customer base of Capella Technik, its equipment and supplies business in Scandinavia, to a leading international industry supplier, for £1.4 million.

Capella Technik, part of Capella AB of Sweden, Microgen's Scandinavian subsidiary, has acted as distributor of micrographic products and supplies throughout Sweden, Denmark, Finland and Norway for several years. In the year to end-September, however, Capella Technik had a turnover of £3.14 million and contributed a loss before tax of £60,000 to Microgen's results. Microgen said: "The disposal provides Microgen with the opportunity to concentrate on its core business in Scandinavia of providing management information handling services using computer output microfilm and laser printing. This business has stood up well during the recession."

Lloyds buys

LLOYDS Chemists is to buy Greens Pharmaceutical (Holdings), the Midlands chain of chemists shops, for £5.75 million. Allen Lloyd, the Lloyds chairman, said the 18 stores, concentrated around Coventry, fill a gap in Lloyds network and lift the group's total number of outlets to 1,054. The purchase will be mainly in cash.

Henderson lifts interim payout by 25 per cent

By Our City Staff

HENDERSON Administration, the fund management group, is raising its interim dividend by 25 per cent after improved results in the six months to September 30.

Tight cost control and better investment performance helped to raise pre-tax profits from £8.72 million to £8.75 million. But the gain was more marked at the operating profit level, before interest charges. Operating profit rose by 22 per cent to £5.1 million, compared with £4.2 million last year.

David Backhouse, the chairman, said that though pre-tax profits advanced only marginally against those of the first half last year, they grew by 22 per cent compared with the second. The 25 per cent dividend increase, to 12.5p per share, reflected both the improved results and the board's intention to reduce the disparity between interim and final payments.

Backhouse: "progress"

Funds under management stood at £7.7 billion at the end of September, the favourable impact of rising equity markets being offset by client losses. However, Mr Backhouse said client losses had diminished as relative investment performance had improved. "In some areas we are experiencing an encouraging net inflow of funds," he said.

The group was benefiting from reorganisation last year, particularly in terms of operating profits. Costs declined 8 per cent compared with the first half of last year thanks to firm control of overheads.

Mr Backhouse said progress in performance, firm financial markets and the prospect of a revival in consumer confidence led him to expect a steady increase in funds under management.

Revenue during the period was £21.3 million (£21.8 million); personal equity plans and private clients saw net inflows of funds. Earnings per share were 27.34 pence against 23.23p last time. Henderson shares rose 15p to 678p following the profits and dividend news.

Bargain basement plan to make Gateway Food Giant

By Gillian Bowditch

GATEWAY, the supermarket group which along with Asda is seen as the weakest of the big five chains, is converting some of its superstores into an aggressive new discount chain, Food Giant, planned to open seven days a week and create 2,000 jobs.

Gateway will open 14 Food Giant discount stores before Christmas. The group, which is owned by Isosceles, the highly leveraged holding company, claims customers will be able to save up to £12 a trolley load compared with other supermarket chains.

The superstores, ranging from 30,000 to 98,000 square feet, will offer more than 10,000 fresh food and grocery lines. Gateway says it will match the other supermarket chains on quality and style while maintaining low prices.

Six of the Food Giants opened yesterday, at Paisley and Kilmarnock in Scotland, at Sunderland, at Bridgend in South Wales, at Leyland in Lancashire and at Bedworth in Warwickshire. Five more are opening on November 12, a further two on November 19 and one on December 3. The group plans to increase the number of Food Giants in 1992. The format has been based on a pilot store at Bulwell in Nottingham which opened in August. Gateway says demand at that store has exceeded expectations with 90,000 customers in the first week and a 23 per cent increase in staff needed to cope with demand.

Jeremy Alun-Jones, retail analyst at Salomon Brothers, says that supermarkets may be entering an era when weaker competitors such as Gateway and Asda stop competing on equal terms with Sainsbury and Tesco and start discounting in order to put pressure on their competitors' margins.

Asda's new chief executive, Archie Norman, is widly expected to unveil a discount formula for his group. Asda's £357 million rights issue which closes on Friday is expected to be well received by investors.

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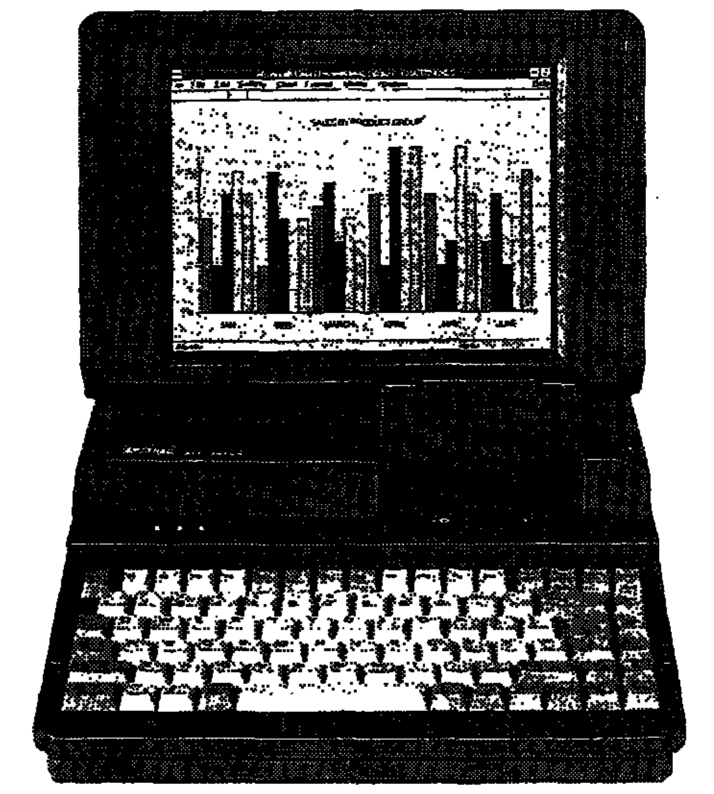

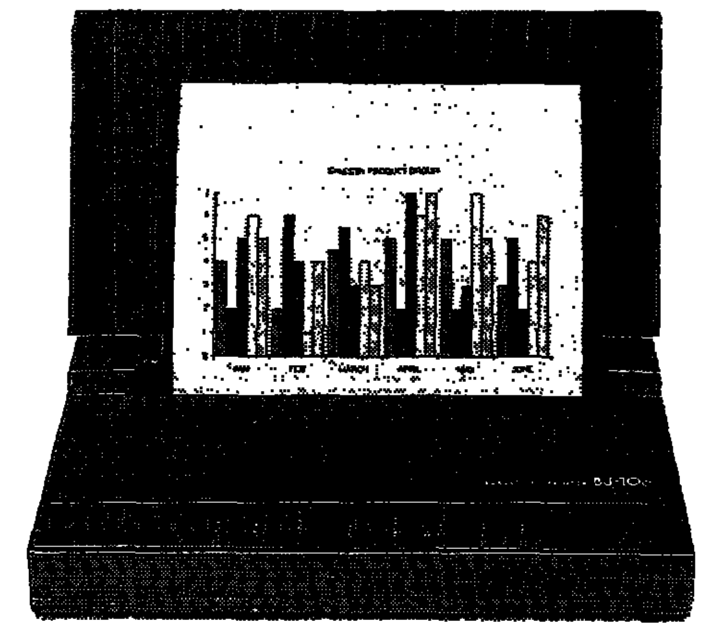

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Commercial leader: Professor Ray Wild, Henley's principal, says: "The companies we work with are moving from being passive consumers to informed and influential clients"

Royal seal for agent of change

Henley Management College is celebrating gaining a royal charter, thanks to a market-driven approach, Michel Syrett says

Henley Management College is in a festive mood this autumn for it is celebrating the granting of a royal charter. The July announcement has prompted a wave of festivities for staff and academic associates in the splendour of Greenlands, a 14th century riverside estate near Henley-on-Thames, now the focal point of the college.

The royal boost to Henley's status makes little difference to the range of programmes and services it provides, but it puts a seal of approval on a series of initiatives designed to bring the college in line with new business thinking about management education.

"We are now market driven in our approach to management development." Professor Ray Wild, Henley's principal, says. "The companies we work with are moving from being passive consumers to informed and influential clients who expect our programmes to be relevant to their specific needs and to add value to their own training and development activities."

High on Henley's agenda are three criteria which companies are using to judge the quality of service they receive from business schools:

- **Internationalism** — Does the school have international teaching staff? Does it have an international student body? Do teaching materials reflect developments in countries around the world?
- **Research** — Do members of the teaching staff regularly undertake research to keep themselves up to date with the latest developments in their field? Is this research fed into graduate and executive programmes?
- **Delivery** — Are programmes flexible enough to meet the needs of busy executives? Can they be tailored to reflect developments in specific sectors or corporations?

Professor Wild has few worries about delivery. Henley's reputation in the 1980s was built on the flexibility and tailored delivery of its programmes. In 1985, the college set up a separate company, Henley Distance Learning, which now offers open learning courses in a wide variety of management topics, using the latest audio, video and computer-aided technology. The college also offers a distance learning management diploma and master of business administration programme.

Professor Wild says: "We do not have thousands of students studying in remote locations without any contact with staff from Henley or our international associates. Participants on the MBA programme, for example, keep in touch with each other by computer and with their tutor through a 24-hour help line. Regular residential seminars help to keep members together as a group and provide a focus for new learning activities."

Five thousand managers study the Henley MBA in 92 countries and the college has collaborative arrangements with partners in Hong Kong, and 13 countries, including Australia, Singapore, Sweden, Cyprus, Holland, Germany and the former Soviet Union.

In turn, this has provided Henley with a pool of academic tutors which it can draw on when designing and delivering programmes at Greenlands. "We are having about the same level of success as other schools in attracting overseas staff to work at Greenlands," Professor Wild says. "But the spread of our joint ventures in other countries will help us build up an associate faculty which is genuinely international."

Research is probably Henley's weakest link. Although the college is popularly associated with the Henley Centre, the prestigious research company based in London, the two organisations no longer work together.

The academic staff take little time off for research and Professor Wild sees changing this as a priority. A new initiative, the Henley Research Centre, will coordinate research at the college, providing a focal point for new doctorate programmes, European projects and academic research.

Tailor-made training to suit

Courses are designed to fit precisely a company's needs for its employees

Like a bespoke suit, a tailored management programme fits snugly. There is nothing wrong with the off-the-peg two-piece, which will give good wear and service, but a closer look at the tailored garment will demonstrate the difference. The cut is that bit better, it clings more naturally to the body and the wearer feels more comfortable.

For more than a decade, Henley Management College has recognised the need to design and deliver carefully tailored organisational and management development programmes, ranging from one day to six months, which address the needs of managers at particular times in their careers.

In order to help companies keep at the leading edge in an increasingly tough business environment, Henley has gathered a team of experts to help companies determine which style suits them best.

Robbie Friendship, the business development manager for corporate programmes at Henley, says: "We start off with a blank piece of paper and work in close partnership with the organisation, really getting to know what they are like and understanding their culture."

> *'We really get to know what an organisation is like, and understand its culture'*

Recently, the college's company programmes division has designed tailored programmes for more than 20 companies and organisations ranging from Grand Metropolitan to English Heritage.

Jane Cranwell-Ward, the director of company programmes, says: "When someone goes on an open programme, there is a possibility of the re-entry problem. This could lead to newly trained managers being like voices in the wilderness, with colleagues dismissing their new ideas as 'having being on a course'."

Ms Cranwell-Ward adds: "A more powerful way of impacting on an organisation is to develop a whole cadre of managers, who will then supply mutual support through networking when they return to the organisation. It is groups, thinking and behaving in the same way which reinforces the development training."

In 1986 the college added tailored qualification programmes to its corporate portfolio. These are based on the flexible, distance-learning Master of Business Administration (MBA) and diploma, but integrated into working activities.

Although there is a core of work that everybody has to do to be awarded an MBA, with a corporate programme it can be very much more specific to an organisation's own industry. For Shell, Henley has run special workshops on the economics of the oil industry, and environmental issues.

In the inter-company MBA and diploma programmes there is less possibility for this type of specialisation. A group of companies will sponsor four or five people each, which results in a tight consortium of about 20 participants. They benefit from being involved in a broad-based cultural and industrial mix. The business school's biggest competitor for management development is companies conducting their own training. For this reason, Henley is starting to offer accreditation for in-company courses towards a recognised qualification such as an MBA.

Managers attending Henley courses can also develop a more strategic view of their own organisation. Ms Cranwell-Ward says: "People find it refreshing to step outside their normal workplace.

"We also act as an extension to the management development function, helping to change the organisation. What we have found is that most companies have increased their training to help them through the recession."

TIM JONES

Rolling programme running for life

LEADING management schools are rethinking their executive programmes to take into account the growing demand for continuous business education, particularly since it is now clear that a master of business administration degree is not going to equip managers for life *(Michel Syrett writes)*.

Professor Keith MacMillan, the Henley deputy principal, is in charge of the biggest reform of executive education at the college since it was founded in 1945. The result, unveiled earlier this year, is a new portfolio of programmes designed to meet the development needs of senior managers throughout their careers.

The programmes are divided into three stages. Stage one, the general management programme, is aimed at managers who are just about to take, or have just taken, responsibility for a business unit or large project. The learning methods have the conventional aim of broadening managers' views of different functions, and increasing their interpersonal skills.

Stage two, the strategic management programme, is aimed at managers with at least ten years of senior management experience, who are operating at a strategic level and whose planning time horizon is likely be over three years. The programme will concentrate on helping participants initiate and lead change.

Stage three programmes are aimed at board-level directors. They allow senior executives to update their skills and focus on changes in industry and commerce that affect their own business. Programmes for 1992 include a series of directors' workshops and a three-day course for personnel directors.

The innovation in Henley's new programme is not so much in their content — Henley courses are matched by many other schools — but in their modular structure. Henley will take into account diplomas and degrees obtained by participants earlier and encourage managers to move from one stage of the programme to another.

Reformer: Keith MacMillan

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Doctor on the corporate call

An innovative doctorate has been introduced for high-flyers.

Tim Jones reports

The MBA is widely considered to be the highest qualification in management education for fast-track, rising young executives. They are typically aged between 30 and 40 and are dedicated go-getters with their eye on a place in the boardroom. Often they are studying part-time or through open learning, and are maintaining a high profile in their careers at the same time.

Men and women with the drive and tenacity to be awarded a masters in business administration will be well equipped for top management and consultancy. There is now a pressing need for some individuals to move on a stage further — by studying for the doctor of business administration qualification.

By launching this new-style doctorate, Henley Management College is setting out to combat the shortage of well qualified and capable management developers and educators.

The DBA is the latest scheme to be introduced at the Henley Research Centre, which the college established last year to integrate its research activities and offer related academic expertise to individuals and organisations.

Professor David Birchall, the director of the development division at Henley, says traditional PhD programmes had been criticised because of the way they were taught and the relatively low pass rates.

Professor Birchall says: "We are as conscious as most business schools of the difficulty of recruiting to the faculty people with suitable backgrounds in business and education. The DBA is aimed at increasing the flow of appropriately qualified people."

The DBA programme, which will require students to have an MBA or equivalent to be eligible, is aimed at those who see their career in the development of people. Clearly, companies which have in their top echelons a senior manager, expert in assessing and developing potential, will gain a competitive edge.

Alternatively, the holder of a DBA may wish to enter the field of management education, training in the business schools, or embark on a career in consultancy.

Increasingly, the college is becoming involved in contract research, helping clients overcome particular problems. Professor Birchall is adamant that his centre will steer away from the temptation of developing a consultancy.

Professor David Birchall

"We are interested in projects which are rather more innovative and which have relevance for us as well as the companies. We are not doing market research. These projects have got to feed into the development of people in the college," he says.

Apart from its contract research programmes, the centre is involved in more academic research and is currently engaged on six European projects. One of these, funded by the European Community education and technology transfer programme, is aimed at training people in high-tech companies in areas of technology management.

The biggest European project is called total supply chain management. This involves researching and developing training materials for senior managers in small to medium enterprises to help them understand what strategies are being considered by larger companies. With the bigger brethren continually seeking to make their own operations more efficient such a skill can be crucial in helping to ensure survival.

The onward march of new technology — such as electronic data interchange — that enables leading companies to greatly reduce their supply networks, makes it imperative for the smaller companies to keep abreast of developments.

One project undertaken by the centre with Price Waterhouse showed that of 3,000 companies surveyed in the so-called "golden triangle" — the wedge between the M3 and M40, extending from Heathrow to Basingstoke and Oxford — only 47 per cent had an information technology strategy and only 3 per cent found measuring the benefits of IT an easy matter.

The survey indicated that the area is no longer perceived as Silicon Valley and that companies preferred to follow a tried and trusted IT line.

Another recent initiative from the Henley centre for research is the development, in conjunction with the British Computer Society, of an MBA for the so-called "hybrid manager". This rare but essential man or woman is trained to integrate established management skills with the latest IT developments.

This course will be based on Henley's highly successful MBA distance-learning programme, but participants will focus on the application of information systems.

In business, as in life, prevention of disease is always better than a costly cure. This is why, whichever school they choose, many companies in future will consider having a doctor in the house.

MARTIN BEDDALL

Global conference: Standard Chartered employees from various countries with managers Geoff Armstrong (back right) and Geoff Rogers (back left)

Standard MBA with a difference

The new single company management programme fosters links across the world for students. Michel Syrett writes

Henley's ability to link students around the world with sophisticated computer technology was a key factor in its selection by Standard Chartered Bank to run a new and ambitious company master of business administration programme

The Standard Chartered MBA is one of a series of programmes aimed at transforming the bank from one run predominantly by expatriates to one managed by a truly international team. Although British-owned, the bank's main presence is in Africa and Asia. Standard Chartered operates as a high street bank in many of these regions but sees its main growth in the future in providing top-grade financial services to international corporations.

Rodney Galpin, the bank's chairman and chief executive, says: "We have set ourselves the task of being the first choice of corporations and individuals requiring finance for trade, help in managing foreign exchange and other sophisticated financial support. We shall only succeed if we employ better trained and motivated people than those of our competitors."

Eighteen managers from 12 countries will take part in the first programme, which starts this month. They range from the chief financial officer in Tokyo, Japan, and the senior strategic officer in Hong Kong to branch managers in Sidcup, Kent, and Harare, Zimbabwe, and the personal assistant to the chief executive in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Participants study at home. Each is provided with a portable personal computer to help them communicate with each other, their tutors and in-company trainers through Henley's global computer conferencing system. Residential seminars bring the team together once a year in the United Kingdom, Kuala Lumpur and Hong Kong. In between, individuals will study together in small groups, meeting every two to three months. "The groups will operate on their own steam," Geoff Rogers, manager of management development, says.

Participants were selected from more than 100 applicants. They met for the first time last month at Henley's headquarters in Greenlands, Oxfordshire.

"Most MBA programmes are not tailor-made and often require you to spend long periods away from your place of work," Isaac Awuondo, the executive director of finance in Kenya, says. "This programme helps us to apply what we learn to current business issues."

"We all need to upgrade our skills," Gan Peng Hoei, the treasury financial service manager at Singapore, says.

The experiment with company qualifications is controversial. London Business School and Insead, the international school at Fontainebleau, France, publicly reject the concept because participants are all drawn from the same organisation and lack the opportunity to mix with counterparts from other industries — something, they argue, that is essential in a general management course.

Ray Wild, Henley's principal, disagrees. He points out that tailored qualifications are usually developed in conjunction with large multinational companies such as Standard Chartered, which uses the programme to bring together managers from different professional backgrounds.

However, he says that running company programmes is more demanding than running open courses. "You have a commitment to the student who is the actual consumer of what we provide," he says.

Participants on the Standard Chartered MBA are required to do personal projects connected with their own work, and receive support from in-house mentors. "The projects are an important part of the programme," Geoff Armstrong, the group executive director at Standard Chartered, says. "They ensure that both the bank and the individual take away something from the programme that will benefit them in the future."

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Master of the ITV universe?

Charles Denton could become commercial television's most powerful figure, if he wants to, Melinda Wittstock reports

The man with power over millions: Charles Denton, the industry's favourite in the ITC scheduling stakes

Updating the obituary of Lord Reith, the BBC's founding father, is not the usual way for an aspiring television executive to begin his career. When, in 1964, Charles Denton went to work, as an "assistant trainee production assistant", on the great man's life and times, he could not have foreseen the role he would play 27 years later in the funeral of the old-style ITV.

"Lord Reith would turn in his grave," says Mr Denton, whose efforts as the champion of Britain's 1,000 independent producers unleashed waves of structural change throughout ITV, ironically creating the all-powerful new post of ITV central scheduler for which Mr Denton has emerged the industry's clear favourite.

If he accepts the job he is almost certain to be offered next spring, Mr Denton will become one of broadcasting's biggest impresarios, with more influence over what about 20 million viewers watch each night on ITV than any of the winning companies.

Although he emerged from his Reithian research a firm believer in the public service broadcasting ethic, Mr Denton is convinced Lord Reith would profoundly disapprove of the new ITV system. In 1993, when ITV executives lose their right to schedule their own programmes, it will be the central scheduler who picks and chooses from the offerings by independents as well as the 15 ITV licensees.

An acclaimed director of programmes at Central Television, where he gained a reputation for scheduling bold and adventurous programmes such as *Spitting Image*, *Auf Wiedersehen Pet* and *Kennedy*, Mr Denton left in 1984 to become the first ITV executive to test the uncharted waters of independent production by founding Zenith Productions, the award-winning maker of *Byker Grove*, *Inspector Morse* and *The Paradise Club*. He is seen as the only man who can successfully bridge the cultural gap between old and new.

But Mr Denton, who predicts that the profit motive will soon force the older ITV companies to restructure along the lines of newcomers Carlton and Meridian to rely almost exclusively on independents, is not putting himself up for the job just yet.

"I'm not interested in a job that is not yet defined. Just now I'm more concerned about securing new shareholders for Zenith [Carlton must reduce its 51 per cent stake to less than 15 per cent under cross-ownership rules] and expanding it than I am about the central scheduling job, which is a clear and obvious nightmare," Mr Denton says. "But it could also be enormous fun."

> *'What makes him a very special talent is not just his creative flair, but also his commercial skill'*

Managing directors from the 15 winning ITV companies, which must devise the new system by the end of next January, meet today to debate the central scheduler's job description. But they are unlikely to reach immediate agreement, evidence enough for any aspiring central scheduler that it will be a thankless task working for 15 different bosses, each with different interests and priorities.

"He is one of the few people I know who could do the job. He knows the pulse of the public. But I don't think he should do it; it's a terrible job," says Lord (Lew) Grade, the showbusiness entrepreneur who hired and promoted Mr Denton through the ranks at ATV (now Central) and remains a good friend and mentor.

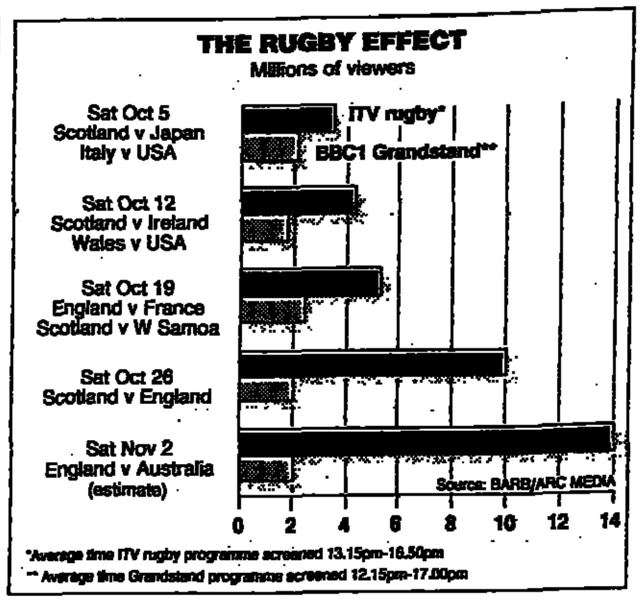
Bruce Gyngell, the TV-am chief and former ATV managing director who recommended Mr Denton's appointment as ATV's director of programmes in 1976, says: "I have always been enormously impressed by him. He is one of the few people to have a commercial sense of what the audience wants and is not obsessed by following his own desires or the elitist desires of his peers. He's also a good politician who understands how to work the ITV network system. He has the broadest-based experience of any candidate suggested for the job. But I'd be surprised if he gave up Zenith to become central scheduler. Running Zenith is infinitely better than working for 15 masters who will complain at every blip in the ratings."

Bob Phillis, the ITN chief executive, who worked with Mr Denton at Central, said: "He is admirably suited for the job. What makes him a very special talent is not just his creative flair, but also his commercial skills. He is fearless in taking risks on innovative programmes, but he always makes sure it pays off."

Unlike most other would-be applicants for the job Mr Denton, who was heavily involved in Carlton's successful application for the Thames franchise, is not "golden handcuffed" to his employer. Golden handcuffs have already kept the other two strong candidates out of the race: a £500,000 payment has tied in Michael Grade as Channel 4 chief executive, while lucrative share options will probably secure the loyalty of Greg Dyke, the chief executive of LWT.

But Mr Denton, aged 53, an intensely private and rather self-effacing man has not ruled out the possibility of surprising his many friends in the industry. He makes it clear, however, that he would only wish to do the job if he was empowered to commission programmes as well as schedule them. "It would not be in their best interests to create a job for a bureaucrat," says Mr Denton, adding that "a bloody good contract" would be needed to ensure that the central scheduler has executive decision-making power outside the ITV company's direct control. Only in this way would the schedule please the audience and the commissioning system please the independents, whom he believes will contribute more than 40 per cent of the schedule by 1994.

But what type of programmes would we watch on ITV if Mr Denton does take the job? Whether he is central scheduler or not, Mr Denton believes a "more commercially structured ITV schedule" will emerge, given more relaxed regulatory requirements concerning current affairs and minority programming. But Mr Denton would like to see diversity, risk-taking and a rejection of old formulas and "a considerable increase in UK productions". Acquired material — such as US imports — he says, is "not working well enough".



Rugby makes its mark

The 'other' World Cup went from rather modest beginnings to world-wide success in just a month

Television audiences were slow to catch on to the rugby World Cup, but once they understood that they were being given the opportunity to watch matches "live" — and further encouraged by the involvement, with varying amounts of success, of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales — television viewership built to the levels normally only expected from the likes of the football World Cup and the FA Cup final.

"Live" football has become increasingly less available to the mass television audience — unless that is, you subscribe to satellite television. So far this autumn there has been only one live football match on ITV which involved two English teams. The match achieved an audience of only 6.1 million, despite being a game between Manchester United and Liverpool. Compare this with the 10 million who watched the rugby World Cup semi-final between England and Scotland and the possible "gate" of 14 million for the final, between England and Australia.

And all this without the benefit of the increased viewership made possible by playing matches at night. Very few rugby union grounds in this country have effective floodlighting. Cardiff Arms Park is an exception — and the World Cup viewing figures reflected this. On Sunday, October 6, 2.9 million watched the afternoon match between Wales and Western Samoa. On October 9, however, 6.5 million switched on for the game between Wales and Argentina.

The next major European rugby contest will be the Five Nation's Cup, due to be contested early next year. Television audiences can certainly be expected to start from a higher base, and commercial interests will adopt a much higher profile.

Meanwhile, the BBC must be gnashing its teeth that it did not secure the rights to screening the World Cup — the final, shown on ITV last Saturday, could well have attracted more than six times the size of the audience who tuned into BBC's *Grandstand* — not to mention being possibly to blame for the decline in attendance at the afternoon's football league programme. The possible audience also compares favourably with last year's football World Cup final — which, one could argue, was only higher because the game, between Argentina and West Germany — was shown simultaneously on both ITV and BBC1, and in the evening.

But if rugby union is to follow the mass television audience (and the big money), how much longer will it be able to resist the increasing demands for at least some of the money to filter through to the players?

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ANYONE looking for the perfect formula for a newspaper need go little further than the *Jewish Chronicle*. It not only knows its market, but has done so for the past 150 years. The newspaper, which will celebrate the occasion with a special issue on November 13, has a circulation touching a mere 50,000, but claims to be read by four times as many people. Considering the Jewish population of Britain is now estimated at 300,000, that is a two-thirds reach. Even in the recession, the paper is still well served with advertising — it is reputed to have more "A" and "AB" readers than almost any other paper.

The *JC*, as it is known in the community, is as much an institution as a newspaper. When it changed its format a few months ago, there were gasps from its readers. But readers soon adapted.

The paper is published every Friday and, since Friday night ushers in the Jewish Sabbath, the presence of the paper in a house has acquired an almost religious connotation. Friday without the paper is like Friday without candles on the table and chicken soup boiling in the pot.

All that, however, says nothing about the most important of the paper's characteristics — its newsgathering and influence, the one plainly reflected by the other. Contributors over the years have included prime ministers from Churchill to Thatcher, and practically every Israeli statesman of note. Coverage in the *JC* of the Dreyfus trial in Paris, and of the establishment of the State of Israel are regarded as the definitive reports of those events. Legend has it that the publication of the Balfour Declaration was timed so that it could be printed in the *JC*.

The editor, Ned Temko, prides himself on the fact that the *JC* is both an international and a local newspaper. Sometimes it could be said to be aiming at being too controversial and confrontational on issues that deserve a more laid-back approach. Mr Temko denies the charge. "I am much more concerned that it be perceived as providing a responsible news record for the community. It should reflect and encourage a provocative airing of the concerns of the community."

That policy has got the paper into trouble more than once. Twenty-five years ago, it was held to be largely responsible for what became a virtual schism in the community, when the Chief Rabbi refused to allow another rabbi to take up a pulpit in a London synagogue.

Until three or four year ago, the paper's masthead declared — as it had done practically from its birth in 1841 — that it was "The Organ of British Jewry". The statement was dropped by the previous editor, Geoffrey Paul. "It was outmoded and I don't think the paper's primary role is to speak *for* the community," Mr Temko says.

If the *JC* has a difficulty in future it may simply be to convince its readers that it is more a newspaper than it is an institution.

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A drop in prices and a flood of repossessions is drawing buyers to Docklands in search of value-for-money property, from penthouses to houseboats. Christopher Warman reports

A number of people who have been renting properties in the London Docklands area are returning to the buying market, observes Sarah Shelley, of Knight Frank & Rutley.

With prices 25 per cent below the boom time level, and even lower where prices were pitched stupidly high, "people are now more willing to take a bit of a punt", Miss Shelley says. "For anyone coming into the market there are some good deals, and there would appear to be a little more cautious optimism."

Hamptons, too, has noted a steadily increasing number of valuations, instructions and general property enquiries since the middle of September.

Hamptons says: "The market is totally price-sensitive and the increased activity is due to a more realistic view being taken by vendors and the flooding of the market by repossessions. Both sectors are now providing property that represents true value for money. With the concept of value for money, come the first-time buyer, investor and speculator looking for mid-term to long-term investment. This, coupled with awareness of Docklands again being raised, has stimulated new interest in the area."

The agent's range of property includes a three-bedroom apartment at the Anchor Brewhouse on the south bank, with a terrace, a balcony, and views of Tower Bridge, and a 1924 Dutch motor barge converted into a motor yacht home priced at about £70,000.

For those keen on boats and water, an alternative could be Limehouse Basin, a scheme undertaken by Hunting Gate Homes and the British Waterways Board. This 25-acre, ten-year scheme has involved the building of a boat lock, giving direct access to 2,000 miles of inland waterways, and will eventually provide 640 houses and flats, shops, offices, restaurants and a sports club. The properties range from a two-bedroom apartment at £122,700 to a four-bedroom town house at £219,500.

Knight Frank & Rutley, already with an office in Wapping, opened a residential office on the Isle of Dogs last month largely because it believes the market there will strengthen during the next few months now that the first Canary Wharf occupants are moving in.

The agent recently acted for Texaco, which is moving its UK headquarters to Canary Wharf, in the purchase of 14 apartments at Cumberland Mills, a riverside development opposite the Royal Naval College at Greenwich, for its executives visiting or on secondment to the UK.

In a survey during the past few days, MSP, the marketing consultant, found that the impact of Olympia & York's Canary Wharf scheme was not yet being felt widely, although rental figures were increasing fairly fast and the number of company lets was increasing. The survey found an encouraging degree of interest, and predictably established that the key to sales was the range of incentives, including discounts and mortgage subsidy.

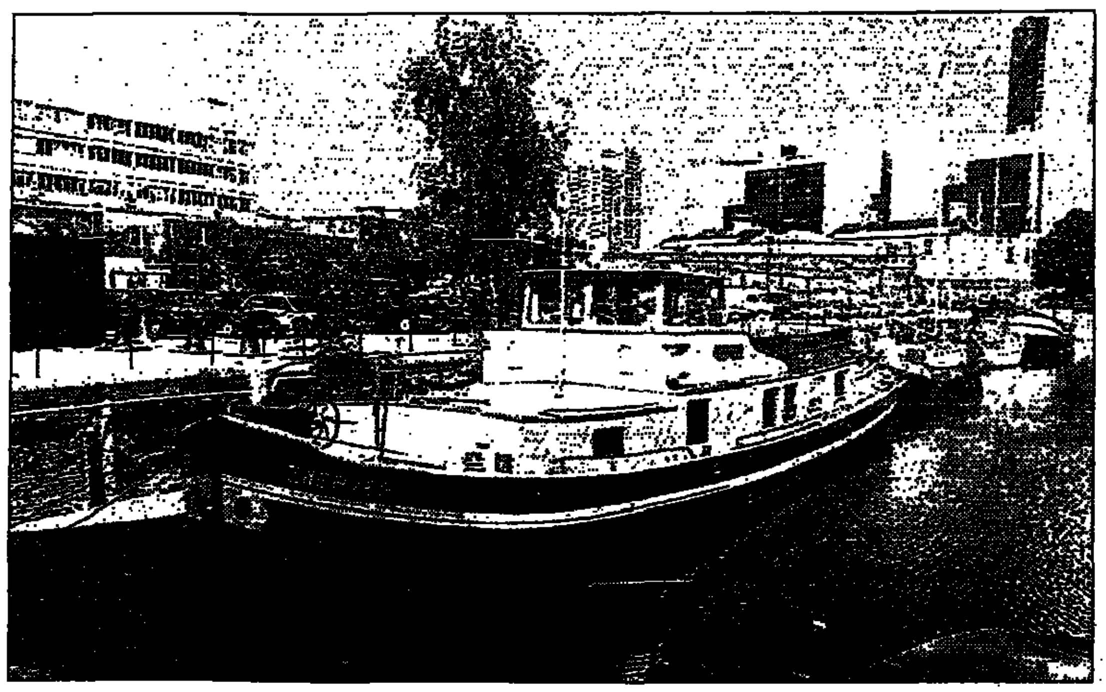
Regalian Properties has sold 100 of its 320 apartments at Quay 430 in Wapping. Regalian reduced prices initially to a realistic level but recently raised them by about £2,000 because of the demand. Alex Neil, the agent, says that 80 of the 104 units at New Caledonian Wharf have been sold, and that at The Anchorage the recent letting of 40 flats to Tower Hamlets council for housing teachers has led to further enquiries for company lets.

The 50-50 share and other share schemes have disappeared from many developments, but Tim Farrow, the managing director of Fairclough Homes Southern, which pioneered them, still believes equity share is the key to sales in the present market. He says Fairclough has sold 80 apartments with a combined value of about £8 million this year at its schemes at Cyclops Wharf on the Isle of Dogs and King and Queen Wharf in Surrey Docks.

Mr Farrow suggests recovery from recession may take five years but Russell Taylor, of Savills, says it may be achieved in 18 months, by which time improvements, including new roadways and shops, including a Marks & Spencer, will have been completed.

He is encouraged by the success of the Cardamom Building at Butlers Wharf, a converted 19th-century spice warehouse immediately east of Tower Bridge on the south bank of the Thames. In five weeks, 43 of the 64 one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom apartments have been reserved. They are priced between £85,000 and £215,000, and Mr Taylor says people are beginning to think the end of the recession is in sight.

However, Mr Taylor says the market above £200,000 remains dead. A penthouse at Gun Wharf in Wapping had an initial price of £450,000, has been reduced to £365,000, and was the subject of a £315,000 offer last week. At Telford's Yard on The Highway at Wapping, a 2,600 sq ft penthouse sold four years ago for £450,000 is now being marketed at £215,000. It is under offer at £185,000.



Appealing?: this 1924 Dutch barge has been converted into a motor yacht home. Price: £70,000

IN THE MARKET

☐ The Lordship at Standon, Hertfordshire, is a manor house dating from the mid-16th century and set in 11 acres in a bend of the river Rib, which gives 350 yards of fishing rights. The house was built in 1546 by Sir Ralph Sadler who was appointed by Queen Elizabeth I as custodian of Mary Queen of Scots and who died only seven weeks after Mary was beheaded in 1587. The house, partly rebuilt after a fire in 1925, has a galleried entrance hall, five reception rooms and nine main bedrooms. The grounds contain a tennis court, a stable yard and a helicopter landing pad. The manorial title for the lordship of The Lordship is available if required, and Strutt & Parker's St Albans office is asking about £1.25 million.

☐ Manor Farm House at Taynton, near Burford, Oxfordshire, is a listed 17th-century Cotswold stone farmhouse in nearly one acre, retaining many of its original features, including the stone mullioned windows. Manor Farm House, an example of a typical Cotswold house, has four reception rooms and seven bedrooms. The price is about £500,000 through John D. Wood.

☐ Nashdom, at Burnham, Buckinghamshire, is a Grade II* listed house built by Sir Edwin Lutyens for Princess Dolgorouki, a member of the family of Nicholas Michhailovich, Grand Duke of Russia, one of Russia's principal royal families. The house was built between 1905 and 1908 and was used between 1926 and 1987 by a community of Anglican monks, who added a red brick extension. After storm damage and vandalism the house needs restoration, and it could be used as a hotel or offices as an alternative to a grand home. Hamptons, Giddy & Giddy in Burnham and Weatherall Green & Smith are asking about £1.5 million.

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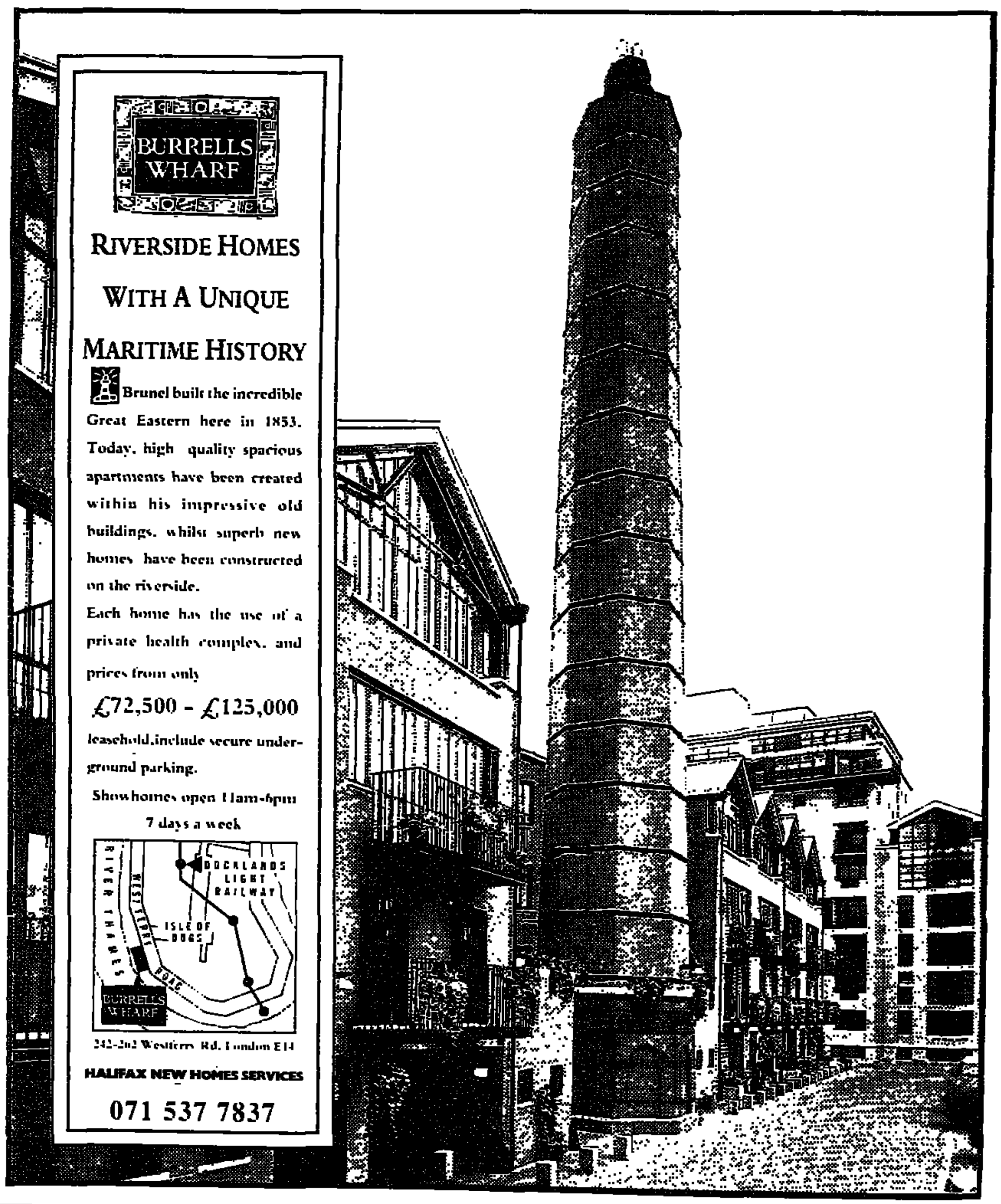

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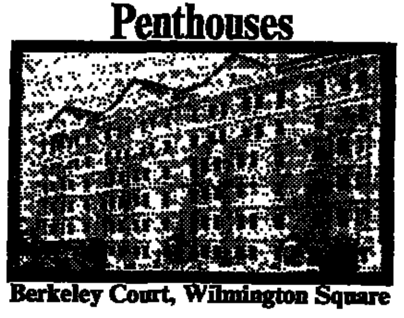

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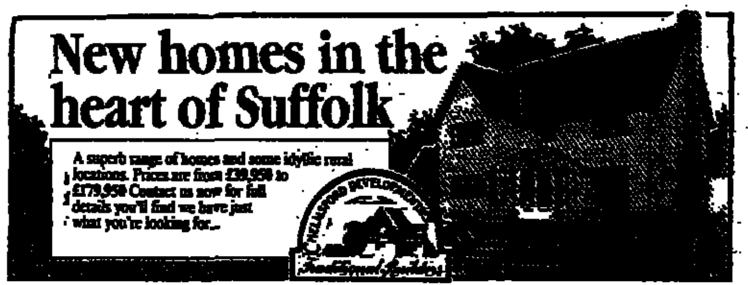

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Two studies say that demand from buyers has returned and take-up of property has improved. **Christopher Warman** reports

Figures for investment in commercial property show a market improvement that has accelerated faster than expected, says Savills Commercial in its *Property Investment Bulletin*. The Savills report and a City survey for September by Richard Saunders & Partners showing improved take-up indicate new confidence.

Savills says confidence from the institutions has returned, and the number of funds ready to invest compared with the figure six months ago shows the pace of the recovery. Demand is concentrated at the top of the market.

One reason for greater confidence is that lettings since the recession began are at realistic rents, so that there are prospects for medium-term rental growth.

Some blue-chip British property companies are using their low borrowing gearing to take advantage of depressed market conditions and increase their holdings, with little overseas competition. Savills says only the overseas market is quiet. Activity is limited, particularly from the Swedish property companies and funds that were market leaders in the late 1980s. The few known deals have been sporadic, but large — for example, Little Britain (£140 million) and 155 Bishopsgate (£180 million), acquired by Nippon Life and the Prudential Global Fund respectively.

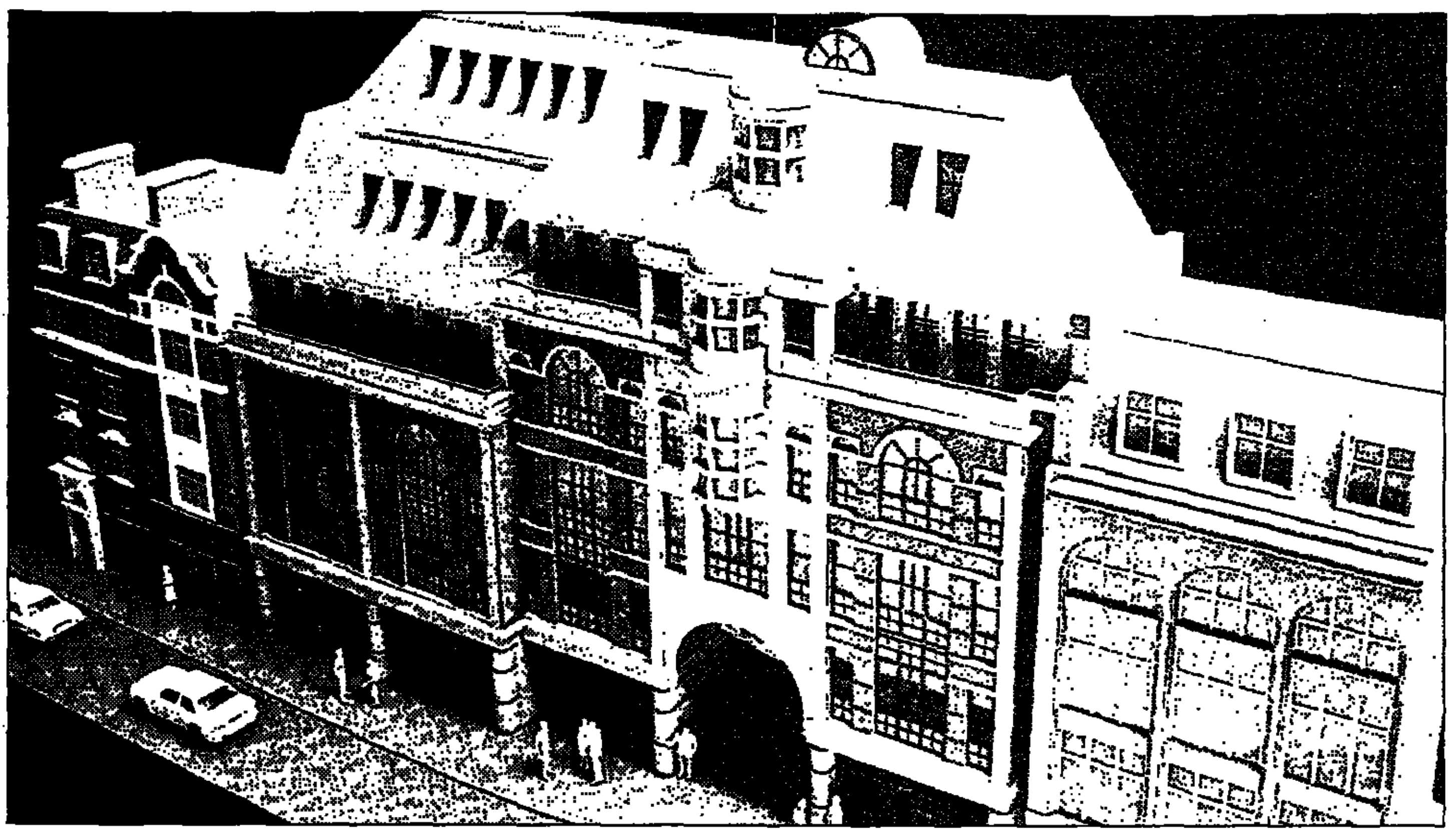
Smaller requirements come from Danish, German and French investors, but the focus of their search has undoubtedly turned towards Germany instead of London as their first choice, and interest in the United States and Australia is now emerging.

In its overall view, Savills fears the improvement in market conditions could be dangerous by encouraging investment at any cost. The agent explains that oversupply will not vanish quickly without dramatic growth in the economy.

"Our principal concern is that the current activity in the market is caused by too much money chasing too little product," Savills says. "In other words, scarcity is the *raison d'être* for purchasing, not performance criteria. As prices harden, so more vendors will be prepared to sell their holdings and one of the main reasons for price improvement, short supply, could evaporate. This could well halt the market turnaround in its tracks as we go into 1992."

Richard Saunders' September survey shows that take-up in the City of London, at 253,266 sq ft, was 66 per cent above the August figure and 55 per cent above the April-September average. The figure was at its highest since November 1990.

September's significant lettings were in new or high-quality second-hand accommodation, and included 38,585 sq ft at MEPC's new development, Alban Gate, London Wall, let to the lawyers Dibb Lupton.



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IN THE MARKET

☐ Arcona, the Swedish public property group that recently announced increased profits, is cutting the proposed rental on its newly completed building at 84 South Audley Street, Mayfair, central London, from the original record-challenging £70 per sq ft to £58. Patrick Despard, Arcona's managing director, says the decision reflects market conditions. "It is time to be realistic and this decision of ours reflects Arcona's pragmatic approach, which has served us well to date," he says. Despite the recession, Arcona expects to make year-end profits of about £75 million.

☐ The Porthcurno, Cornwall, site of Cable and Wireless's internationally known Telecommunications College, is for sale through Miller Countrywide Commercial and Hillier Parker. The college has moved to Coventry. The 55-acre training complex, comprising most of the Porthcurno valley, near Land's End, has been developed during the past 120 years since the first transatlantic cable came ashore in 1870. Most of the buildings date from the 1950s or later. They consist of a mixture of custom-built buildings and a number of residential properties ranging from halls of residence to individual homes. The site lends itself to educational or sporting use and the property will be available from June 1, 1993.

☐ In one of the largest retail lettings in central London this year, Pentos has taken two of the recently completed shop units at Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, Land Securities' flagship development, for its Dillons bookshop subsidiary. The total of 12,500 sq ft, arranged on three levels, with a frontage of 69ft on to the square, has been let at £275,000 a year.

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By Norman Howell

IT WAS a washout. That is the kindest thing that can be said of the Australian grand prix at Adelaide, the last race of what had been an exciting year in Formula One. The torrential rain made a nonsense of a day which began with the constructors' championship still to be settled.

The drivers had widely diverging views about whether the race should have been started. Ayrton Senna, the silkiest driver in the wet, felt not. Of course, that would have suited him and McLaren, since they would thus have added the constructors' title to the drivers' championship.

Yet Nigel Mansell and Riccardo Patrese, who had everything to gain from racing, agreed with Senna. Mansell, who had a swollen ankle to remind him of how his race ended — in a collision with a wall — vented his feelings in no uncertain terms.

Bernie Ecclestone, the vice-president of Fisa, the sport's governing body, believes that delaying a race, the course some say should have been taken, serves no purpose. He thought the conditions were not as bad as some suggested and that the main problem was inadequate marshalling and stewarding.

"They should have brought out a white flag, which indicates there is a slow car on the circuit. That would have slowed everyone down, and allied with yellow flags — no overtaking — the rescue crews and marshals would have then had the time and space to clear the debris."

It also seems that when the red flag was shown, many cars drove into the pits instead of stopping at pre-designated places, and were allowed to do this by the marshals. "Don't worry, that is going to be sorted out." Ecclestone said.

The rain merely compounded the problems of the circuit. Cars do seem to shunt a lot here. Over the four days, a lot of machinery was damaged, not to speak of drivers bruised and shaken. "The problem is not the concrete wall. It's the kerbs. They are unnecessary, cars hit them and often take off, and that is when they hit the walls. Without kerbs, fewer cars would shunt," Ecclestone added.

So who decides about these kerbs? It seems that locally-appointed Fisa officials have some leeway in this matter, as they do on the issue of whether to stop a race or not. "People are not capable of handling pressure. They mix their procedures up, panic," Ecclestone said. "If a world champion waves his arms and wants to stop, they take heed. But of course he wants to stop: he's leading. The problem is that no one knows who's really in charge."

Ecclestone: against delay

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Hands full: Roger Black, the world 400 metres silver medal winner, and Liz McColgan, the world 10,000 metres champion, were named Britain's track athletes of the year yesterday in awards made by the sport and sponsored by Vauxhall (David Powell writes). Dalton Grant, above right with Black, who won the European Cup high jump and set a Commonwealth record, and Tessa Sanderson, winner of the European Cup javelin, were announced as the male and female field event athletes of the year.

McColgan declined to stop off in London for the awards lunch on her way home from her victory in the New York City marathon but the hosts sent a representative to Manchester airport to intercept her and make a 6.30am presentation, which was relayed on video. "To come home to an award has topped off the weekend for me," she said.

For Mark Richardson the award he received meant a good deal more. He was surprised to be called on stage, more than two months after the event, to receive a world championship gold medal. Richardson, aged 19, who becomes the youngest world championship gold medal winner, ran in the preliminaries of the 4 x 400 metres relay in Tokyo and received no medal at the time. Ade Mafe will also be rewarded for playing a similar role.

While McColgan has scooped the top award made both by the sport and the British Athletics Writers' Assocation (BAWA), Kriss Akabusi beat Black to the BAWA male athlete of the year award.

SQUASH RACKETS

England's team prospects brighten

By Colin McQuillan

ENGLAND'S hopes of improving on third place in next week's world team championship in Helsinki must have been boosted by results from this week's Pimm's Premier League.

In Vasari Cannons' 4-0 win in Norfolk, Del Harris beat David Campion in 32 minutes, for just five points, and Peter Marshall overcame John Ransome for nine points in Leekes Wizards' 4-0 home win over Mosaic Priory.

Rodney Martin, the world champion, will almost certainly miss Helsinki with a foot tendon injury, which throws the first doubt on Australia's defence of the world team title. It means the promotion to third string of the sometimes brilliant but unpredictable Brett Martin.

The elder of the Martin brothers won at first string for L and P Lambs this week, replacing Jahangir Khan, of Pakistan, who is suffering an Achilles problem. He squeezed home, 10-9 in the fifth game, on the sixth match ball, against Craig Van der Wath, the South African first string for Adidas Northern, who is rated 165 places behind Brett Martin's No. 6 world ranking.

With Chris Dittmar losing to Harris in Hong Kong recently, and Chris Robertson, the Australian second string, losing to Marshall in New York, England can afford to be optimistic. Even Simon Parke, their reserve, returned to some sort of form this week, beating Simon Taylor in straight games at second string for Lambs.

Jahangir's younger compatriot, Jansher Khan, the world No. 1, tested a back strain playing his first match for the Leekes squad. Alarmingly, he dropped the third game in a single hand from 2-1 before beating Rodney Eyles, the probable Australian fourth string.

The Pakistani selectors are so unsure about the availability of their leading players that they have named a provisional squad, comprising Maqsood Ahmed, aged 39, and three unknown youngsters.

PIMM'S PREMIER LEAGUE: First Division: Leekes Wizards 4, Mosaic Priory 0; Adidas Northern 0, L and P Lambs 4; North Walsham 0, Vasari Cannons 4; A and P Rackets 4, Lyric Surbiton 0. League positions: Leekes; 12pts; Cannons, Lambs, 11; Priory, Rackets, 6, Northern, North Walsham, 1; Surbiton, 0.

Tackling a void left after all the conversions

By Henry Kelly

SPORT ON TELEVISION

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

AROUND midnight the other evening, a callow youth called to my door complaining that his normal organ, the satirical magazine, *Private Eye*, had rejected his latest poem which, he assured me, was a magnificent celebration of a recent important sporting event. Could I, on his behalf, see that his offering saw the light of day in the world's most famous newspaper.

Happy to assist a fellow hack, however pimply faced and forward, I offer the lines from E. Jarvis Thribb, aged 17, in thanks and all humility:

So: farewell then,
Rugby World Cup.
Now we have seen the last of you.
Keith's mum knows the Wallabies won.
Indeed ITV taught her so much
She knows you have gone Down Under,
And not over the top
Which is a Rugby World Cup term.

Indeed, as the gangling Thribb beat a path from my door with profusions of thanks, I, too, shed a tear for the passing of the Rugby World Cup and the television coverage. What on earth are we going to do for the next few months until the BBC takes over for the five nations' championship, triple crown, grand slam, *et al*? There'll be the video, of course, but it won't be the real thing.

The real thing was last Saturday, when England came within a hair's breadth of taking the trophy. In the end, justice was served and most people who have watched a game will be happy to accept that the cup is where it belongs: with the team which, throughout the tournament, played consistently the best and most exciting rugby.

Of course, Saturday's result had the added benefit for the Irish that we can go round suggesting (a), we are now, on a strict points analysis, the second best team in the world; (b), England were lucky not to meet us on the way to the final; and (c), did you know that David Campese's mother was called Murphy before she married?

I wrote here after the first day of the tournament, when ITV pinched its nose, held its breath and jumped into the coverage of international rugby — so long the bailiwick of the BBC — that the new team did us proud.

I have seen nothing to cause me to change my mind but I have read bits and pieces of nonsensical nit-picking and sillinesses from those who wrote and spoke as if they had set out to pick holes. ITV's task was to cover 20 of the 32 games, see to it that the other 12 were covered by their colleagues in Europe, and make sure all 32 were broadcast. They did it.

One day, Wednesday, October 9, they had their own cameras at three venues, Murrayfield, Pontypool and Cardiff, and had their colleagues supplying pictures from Dublin and Toulouse.

At the final on Saturday, with 16 or so cameras and the world expecting them to deliver the goods, they were spot on. No outside broadcast unit in the world, apart from the BBC itself, could have done a better, more professional or entertaining job.

I have two minor gripes. First, why didn't the rugby authorities accept the idea of letting the television viewer hear the referees' comments? When I suggested that three weeks ago, ITV agreed with me and Gerald Davies, in this newspaper, disagreed. Fair enough. But I did not suggest American football-style referees' announcements being broadcast to the live crowd. I wanted them only for the audience at home, only indeed for Keith's mum so that she would have learned even more.

And, why was the programme of magic moments from the month of rugby broadcast on Sunday afternoon at a quarter past two? Who's home on a Sunday from the pub at that time? And if you are, do you think the women of the house, after weeks of rugby, are going to be happy to watch another hour during the roast beef and Yorkshire?

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Court of Appeal

Licence terms do not breach EC law

Regina v Southwark Crown Court, Ex parte Watts

Before Lord Justice Russell, Lord Justice Leggatt and Sir John Megaw

[Judgment November 4]

A street trader's licence granted under section 21 of the London County Council (General Powers) Act 1947 was personal to the holder who was personally required to exercise the rights and to bear responsibility for the obligations imposed by the licence.

Section 21 was not repugnant to either article 52 of the EEC Treaty as amounting to a clog on the freedom of establishment or to articles 30 and 34 as constituting a hindrance to the free movement of goods.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing George Watts' appeal from Mr Justice Garland (*The Times* December 13, 1990) who had refused his application for judicial review of an order of Southwark Crown Court affirming a decision of Tower Hamlets London Borough Council which had revoked his licence to hold a stall in Petticoat Lane market.

Mr Philip Engelman for Mr Watts; Mr Dominic Grieve for the council.

LORD JUSTICE RUSSELL, delivering the judgment of the court, said that the licence had been revoked after the council had informed Mr Watts of his failure to exercise his licence personally for a number of weeks and that he was unsuitable to hold a stall because of his failure to involve himself personally in the business of street trading from his pitch.

Mr Engelman had submitted that the Act did not require personal or continual attendance at the stall, but that a licence holder might delegate the exercise of his right as a street trader to an assistant or manager, and that nothing in the legislation prevented the local authority from granting a licence to a number of individuals in partnership.

Rejecting that submission, the court considered that the local authority could not properly control street markets if licensees were absentees, and one of the prime purposes of the legislation was to ensure that control could be effectively exercised.

In the court's judgment, the whole scheme and structure of the legislation supported the proposition that the holder had to be an individual authorised to trade in person although he might employ another to assist him in the conduct of the business.

Conversely, that scheme did not permit the delegation of responsibility canvassed by Mr Engelman. Since Mr Watts had absented himself for at least four weeks from his stall the local authority had been entitled to revoke the licence.

Mr Engelman had submitted that such a construction of section 21 of the 1947 Act offended against the right of establishment afforded by article 52 because the holder would be precluded from simultaneously operating a pitch in another member state.

He argued that it constituted a restriction for a national of such a member state because it jeopardised, at least potentially, the simultaneous operation by him of a market stall in his own country. He submitted that the doctrine of reverse discrimination prevented a member state from refusing to grant the benefit of the provisions of community law to its own nationals where it would be bound to grant them to nationals of another member state.

He further submitted that a requirement of personal supervision amounted to disguised discrimination because it effectively required the holder to be resident in the territory of the member state concerned.

Rejecting that argument, the court considered that the scope of the freedom of establishment was indicated by article 52 itself.

There was nothing to suggest that nationals of other member states were not entitled to apply for and exercise licences on the same conditions as applied to Mr Watts. Such nationals in so doing were not hindered by any prescribed conditions.

While it would not be feasible for a Frenchman to operate a stall in Paris, or indeed a Scotsman in Edinburgh, at the same time as in London, that did not constitute any interference with the freedom of the Frenchman or the Scotsman to establish himself in London if he so wished.

The provisions governing licence-holders applied to all without distinction, there was nothing to suggest that they were adopted for discriminatory purposes.

Given the purpose of the Act, it would be palpably unsatisfactory if a holder lived abroad while remaining nominally responsible for a manager left in charge. It could not be argued that the means adopted by the legislation were not proportional to the end to be achieved.

The freedom given by article 52 was to establish oneself in another member state with all that that might entail. It did not connote a freedom to live at home while working abroad.

Mr Engelman also argued that the Act contained measures equivalent in their effect to quantitative restrictions on imports and exports which were repugnant to arteiles 30 and 34.

Rejecting that argument, the court said that there had been no evidence about what goods were sold at the market or where they came from. Members of other member states were free to trade in Petticoat Lane.

The fact that Mr Watts might exercise his freedom to trade in London, and in so doing be inhibited from trading in Paris did not hinder intra-Community trade. The provisions of the Act were incapable of adversely affecting such trade and accordingly did not constitute measures having equivalent effect to quantitative restrictions.

The court would dismiss the appeal and refuse to refer the questions on articles 52, 30 and 34 to the European Court of Justice.

Solicitors: Duthie Hart & Duthie, Plaistow; Mr J. Goodrich, Bethnal Green.

Chancery Division

No privilege for company officer

In re Jeffrey S. Levitt Ltd

Before Mr Justice Vinelott

[Judgment October 29]

An officer of an insolvent company, if summoned to appear before the court to be examined under section 236 of the Insolvency Act 1986, could not refuse to answer questions on the ground that they might incriminate him, because he was under an overriding statutory duty to assist the receivers in their functions.

Mr Justice Vinelott so held in the Chancery Division in ordering such an examination of Mr Jeffrey S. Levitt, formerly the controlling director of Jeffrey S. Levitt Ltd, to be resumed before a judge of the Chancery Division.

Mr Anthony Trace for the receivers; Mr Kevin De Haan for Mr Levitt.

MR JUSTICE VINELOTT said that in May 1991 receivers of Jeffrey S. Levitt Ltd had been appointed by a bank. Their immediate efforts to interview Mr Levitt about an excess of its liabilities over its assets proving unsuccessful, they secured an order under section 236 of the 1986 Act requiring him to attend at the chambers of the registrar on June 26, *inter alia* to be examined on oath.

Mr Levitt duly attended but refused to answer any questions, claiming the privilege at common law against self-incrimination and the registrar had referred the matter into court.

Counsel on Mr Levitt's behalf contended that such a claim was supported by a decision of Mr Justice Ferris, in respect of which reporting restrictions had been imposed, given on July 31, 1990.

Although his Lordship was reluctant to differ on such an important matter from a brother judge, he had come to the clear view that differ he must.

The bankruptcy legislation

Section 117 of the Bankrupt Law Consolidation Act 1849 simply provided that the bankrupt might be examined "touching all metters relating to his trade"; yet in *R v Scott* ((1856) D & B 47, 56) Lord Campbell, Chief Justice, had held it "quite clear that he was bound to answer them, although by his answers he might criminate himself".

Section 17(8) of the Bankruptcy Act 1883 went further, providing that "it shall be the [debtor's] duty to answer all such questions as the court may put or allow to be put to him" and that proper notes of such evidence might thereafter "be used in evidence against him".

In re Atherton ([1912] 2 KB 251, 254) raised the point directly, Mr Justice Phillimore citing *Scott* as authority for holding that a debtor was bound on his public examination to answer even such a question as "Have you committed a crime?". That was approved by the Court of Appeal in *Re Paget* ([1927] 2 Ch 85, 91).

The language of the 1883 Act was virtually repeated in section 15(8) of the Bankruptcy Act 1914.

The position of a witness other than the debtor himself was different. In *Ex parte Schofield* ((1877) 6 Ch D 230, 233) Lord Justice James remarked: "No doubt the debtor himself ... is in a different position, because it is his duty to discover the whole of his estate ... and he cannot be allowed to conceal a part of it by saying 'If I tell you where it is you will be able to prosecute me'."

The Companies Acts

Section 270(4) and (5) of the Companies Act 1948 contained words very similar to those in section 15 of the Bankruptcy Act 1914. A note in *Buckley on the Companies Acts* (14th edition (1981)), cited *Re Paget* as authority for saying that the person examined thereunder could not refuse to answer relevant questions on the ground of privilege.

In *R v Harris* ([1970] 1 WLR 1252) Mr Justice MacKenna ruled that answers given in 1964 by the accused during his examination on oath under section 167(2) of the 1948 Act, as subsequently amended by section 50 of the Companies Act 1967, were admissible at his trial in 1970.

In *Re London United Investments plc* (unreported, July 23, 1991) Mr Justice Scott had to consider sections 434 and 436 of the Companies Act 1985, as amended by the Companies Act 1989, and in so doing cited with approval rulings given by Mr Justice Henry at Southwark Crown Court, appeals against which were dismissed by the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division (*The Times* May 13; [1991] BCC 568).

The judge had held, *inter alia*, that the privilege was not available, and therefore no case had been made out under section 76(2) of the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984. The House of Lords had refused leave to appeal.

Mr Justice Scott had held himself bound by that decision, and added his opinion that if the privilege were available, many if not most investigations under section 432 would be frustrated.

Other legislation

In *R v Harz* ([1967] 1 AC 760, 816) Lord Reid had said: "Some statutes expressly provide that incriminating answers may be used against the person who gives them and some expressly provide that they may not. Where, as here [section 24(6) of the Purchase Tax Act 1963] there is no such express provision the question ... must depend on the proper construction of the particular statute ... it seems to me to be reasonably clear that incriminating answers to a proper demand under this section must be admissible if the statutory provision is to achieve its purpose."

In *Sociedade Nacional v Lundqvist* ([1991] 2 WLR 280, 302G) Lord Justice Beldam had held that section 2 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987 was a clear case where the privilege had been taken away.

In *Bank of England v Riley* (*The Times* November 1, 1990) the Court of Appeal had held the privilege to have been impliedly excluded by section 42 of the Banking Act 1987, as its language implied a duty in the person concerned to provide the requisite information.

Summary

The Insolvency Acts of 1985 and 1986 were the outcome of a radical overhaul of both individual and corporate insolvency law following the *Report of the Review Committee on Insolvency Law and Practice* (Cmnd 8558), with special reference to the need to discourage insolvent trading and to disqualify delinquent directors.

If section 236 was read in the context of sections 234 and 235, it was clear that those sections established a class of persons on whom was laid a duty to furnish all relevant information to such as the present receivers: so Mr Levitt had not been entitled to invoke the privilege.

Any residual doubt could not survive the provisions now consolidated in sections 6 and 7 of and Schedule 1 to the Company Directors Disqualification Act 1986. An enquiry by a receiver into the conduct of a director would be frustrated if the privilege could be invoked, and criminal proceedings might not have been completed before the two-year time-limit for making a disqualification order had expired.

Solicitors: Wilde Sapte; Reynolds Dawson.

Solicitors hold funds as trustees

Alimand Computer Systems v Radcliffes & Co

Where solicitors acting for a client held funds paid to them as stakeholders, they held those funds as trustees and not in a contractual or quasi-contractual capacity.

Judge Rice, sitting as a judge of the High Court, so held in the Queen's Bench Division on October 10 when making a declaration on behalf of the plaintiff, Alimand Computer Systems, that moneys held by the defendants, Radcliffes & Co, being the residue of a sum paid to them as stakeholders, was held as trustees.

HIS LORDSHIP said that in *Brown v IRC* ([1965] AC 244) the House of Lords had held that money deposited with a solicitor remained at all times the property of the client and the position was one of trust, not quasi-contract. If a solicitor did not hold as trustee then where a solicitor went bankrupt any funds he held might be embarrassed.

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Supplying drugs to a named 'another'

Regina v Connelly

Before Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice Morland

[Judgment October 18]

Where a defendant was charged with supplying a controlled drug to another the "another" referred to could be someone named in the same indictment although it could not be someone named in the same count.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing the appeal of Joni Connelly against her conviction at Portsmouth Crown Court (Judge Brodrick and a jury) for supplying a Class B drug contrary to section 4(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971.

Mr Brian Argyle, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Andrew Barnett for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE STUART-SMITH, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant and three co-defendants were charged on an indictment relating to drug offences. In count 8 the appellant had been charged with supplying drugs to one of those co-defendants.

The appellant argued that the count was bad because of the decision in *R v Lubren* ([1988] CLR 378) in which it was held that where A and B were charged in an indictment with supplying drugs "to another" the other person could not be someone in that indictment.

In the court's view, as there had only been one count in the indictment in *Lubren*, it was quite clear that the court in that case had used the word "indictment" as being synonomous with the word "count".

That was clear from two previous decisions, *R v Smith* (unreported, February 14, 1983) and *R v Ferrera* (unreported, July 17, 1984), that the reasoning behind all three decisions was that in plain English where A, B and C were charged with supplying another that other could not be A, B or C.

Those decisions did not mean that the person supplied could not be someone else charged in other counts in the same indictment.

Solicitors: CPS, Portsmouth.

Indefinite absence abroad can still be temporary

Regina v Social Security Commissioner, Ex parte Akbar

Before Mr Justice Hodgson

[Judgement October 28]

The word "temporarily" in regulation 2(1) of the Social Security Benefit (Persons Abroad) Regulations (SI 1975 No 563) was to be given its primary meaning of "not permanently". Merely because an absence was or became indefinite did not necessarily mean that it also became not temporary.

Mr Justice Hodgson so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application by Mr Javed Akbar for judicial review for *certiorari* to quash the decision of Mrs Commissioner Heggs to refuse him leave to appeal from a decision of the Burnley Social Security Appeal Tribunal on March 17, 1989.

The applicant, who was in receipt of invalidity pension, had informed the Department of Social Security that he was temporarily visiting Pakistan. However, as his stay there was for more than 15 months, the department terminated his pension as his absence was no longer regarded as temporary.

Mr Richard Drabble for the applicant; Mr William Griffiths for the department.

MR JUSTICE HODGSON said that the question concerned the proper meaning of the words "being temporarily absent" in regulation 2(1) of the 1975 regulations.

The tribunal was of the opinion that an absence under regulation 2(1) ceased to be temporary if it became "indefinite". It followed that, in the opinion of the tribunal, a temporary absence must when it began, contemplate a definite end.

His Lordship's could see no warrant for importing into the 1975 Regulations any such qualification to the ordinary English word "temporary". He did not think that one needed to do more than look at the regulations to see that the tribunal's reasoning had to be wrong.

His Lordship could see no reason of policy or fairness why the word "temporarily" should not be given its primary meaning of "not permanently". Once that meaning of "temporary" was accepted then it was a matter of fact and and degree whether what was temporary had become permanent.

Many factors would have to be taken into account. Primarily, but not conlusively, must be the claimant's intention but, circumstances might arise which objectively made it impossible for the claimant to return no matter how much he might wish and intend to do so.

There might equally be many factors which would lead an adjudication officer to decide that an absence had become permanent even when the claimant protested his intention to return.

Merely because an absence was or became indefinite did not necessarily mean that it had also become not temporary.

Solicitors: Sharpe Pritchard for Ingham & Bridge, Burnley; Solicitor, DSS.

Arctic Call to make happy return

MANDARIN

ARCTIC Call can make a bright start to his season by winning the Lionel Vick Memorial Handicap Chase at Newbury today.

The eight-year-old won the corresponding race on his seasonal debut last year and returned to land the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, staying on gamely to beat Master Bob by two lengths.

Trainer Oliver Sherwood is planning another crack at the Newbury showpiece at the end of this month, as Arctic Call attempts to become the first horse since Arkle to win the Hennessy in successive years.

After those victories, Arctic Call landed a valuable handicap at Ascot in January, giving Solidasarock a stone and beating him seven lengths, before being beaten three lengths by Cool Ground on level terms at Wincanton, but on ground softer than he prefers.

He then went to Cheltenham for the Gold Cup but lost his chance with two serious mistakes when the race began in earnest and was pulled up. After that, he ran well below par at Aintree three weeks later.

Arctic Call has been prone to jumping errors, but has been helped by the sympathetic riding of Jamie Osborne, and I am confident that he will have the measure of his rivals today.

Romany King won four times last season but perhaps ran his best race in defeat when two lengths second to Foyle Fisherman in the Mildmay Of Flete Chase at the Cheltenham festival. However, those performances were over two-and-a-half miles.

City Entertainer, once hailed as a Gold Cup prospect, has consistently failed to live up to expectations. Although he won at Worcester for permit holder Robert Goodall last month, that form would not seem of sufficient quality to suggest he can trouble my selection.

Of the others, Mweenish would probably prefer softer ground while Golden Minstrel appears not quite as good as he was.

Sherwood and Osborne can follow up with **Prime Display** in the Tom Masson Trophy Hurdle. The five-year-old, who was a useful stayer on the Flat when trained by Paul Cole, finished last season with victories at Lingfield and Worcester.

He should have most to fear from the Martin Pipe-trained Tamarpour, but the Pipe stable has not been firing this week and that could make the difference.

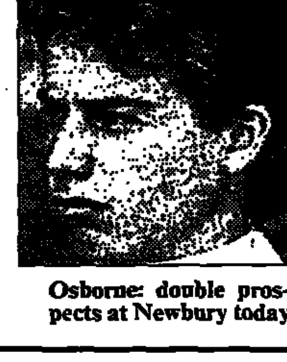
Simon Sherwood will also have high hopes for Granvillewaterford in the Cokethorpe Novices' Chase. Granvillewaterford shaped with great promise over hurdles last season and is reported to have jumped well when schooled over fences.

However, I prefer the chances of **Le Piccolage**, who jumped for fun when beating Lake Teereen by 30 lengths at Ascot two weeks ago. In time, Granvillewaterford may prove the superior horse, but at this stage of the season the combination of race-fitness and experience should prove the telling factor, and Le Piccolage is my nap.

Josh Gifford is usually a trainer to follow in November and I think he should win the EBF Novices' *Hurdle Qualifier* with **Mr Jamboree**, who won a *National Hunt flat race* at Ascot in April when trained by Fulke Johnson Houghton.

At Kelso, Ragorey, winner of both his races this season, can extend the sequence in the Jack Britton Memorial Novices' Chase. The six-year-old has looked a little backward so far and may *still* be on the upgrade. Again fitness may *well prove decisive over his* main rival, Mig, from Mary Reveley's stable.

However, Mrs Reveley and stable jockey Peter Niven can continue in the fine form by landing a double with **Maudlins Cross** (3.30) and **Terrible Gel** (4.05).



Osborne: double prospects at Newbury today

NEWBURY

MANDARIN
1.00 Mr Jamboree.
1.35 Arctic Call.
2.10 Prime Display.
2.45 **LE PICCOLAGE** (nap).
3.20 For The Grain.
3.55 Trembalino.

THUNDERER
1.00 Bas De Laine.
1.35 Arctic Call.
2.10 Tamarpour.
2.45 Granvillewaterford.
3.20 My Young Man.
3.55 Kayfaat.

RICHARD EVANS
2.45 Le Piccolage.
3.55 Kayfaat.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.35 CITY ENTERTAINER.

GOING: GOOD — SIS

1.00 EBF NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,565: 2m 100yd) (16 runners)

1	024-	BAS DE LAINE 217 (R Bids Ltd) O Sherwood 5-11-0	J Osborne	93
2	44-4	CAPITAL PUNISHMENT 13 (Mrs M Giles) Mrs F Walwyn 5-11-0	B de Haan	98
3	520-	COASTING 193 (B R B Owners Group Plc) G Balding 5-11-0	J Frost	—
4		DEXTRA DOVE (Dextra Lighting Systems) P Hobbs 4-11-0	S Earle	—
5	0-	ERIC'S TRAIN 228 (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-0	M Pitman	—
6	4PP-	HONEYWALL LAD 215 (B Ivens) G Thorner 6-11-0	J Railton	—
7	5-	IDLEIGH'S TUDOR 312 (Mrs S Robins) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-0	D Gallagher	—
8		JOKESTER (R Liddiard) C Nash 4-11-0	B Powell	—
9		LOWICK LAD (R Langley) R Champion 4-11-0	S Keightley	—
10	41-	MR JAMBOREE 207 (F) (H Joel) J Gifford 5-11-0	D Murphy	—
11	043-	PEACEMAN 228 (Sir P Gibbings) Mrs D Haine 5-11-0	J Short	● 99
12	05-	ROYAL PROGRESS 202 (D Clark) S Sherwood 5-11-0	M Richards	—
13	511-	SEE MORE INDIANS 242 (G) (P Barber) P Nicholls 4-11-0	S Burrough	—
14	22-	MANENDA 254 (Mrs C Smith) D Nicholson 4-10-9	R Dunwoody	—
15	P/0PP-	SUN FOLLOWER 319 (Mrs J Stamp) J Bridger 5-10-9	I Lawrence	—
16	S33-	SWILLY EXPRESS 209 (P Doherty) S Christian 5-10-9	G McCourt	92

BETTING: 11-4 Mr Jamboree, 3-1 Peaceman, 5-1 Capital Punishment, 6-1 Swilley Express, 13-2 Manenda, 8-1 See *More Indians, 12-1 Bas De Laine, 14-1 others.*

1990: FURRY KNOWE 5-11-0 K Mooney (12-1) Mrs F Walwyn 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAS DE LAINE 15l 4th of 18 to Pardon Me Sir in a novice hurdle at Worcester (2m, good to firm). CAPITAL PUNISHMENT 6½l 4th of 17 to Sukaab in a novice hurdle at Wincanton (2m, good to firm). COASTING 3½l 2nd of 19 to Hazel Crest in a National Hunt flat race at Ascot (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. PEACEMAN 6½l 3rd of 20 to Capeize in maiden hurdle *over course and distance (good). SWILLY EXPRESS* 1½l 3rd of 13 to Skittle Alley in a novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 100yd, good). MANENDA 3½l 2nd of 12 in a National Hunt flat race at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good). *MR JAMBOREE* beat Current Express 4l in an 18-runner National Hunt flat race at Ascot (2m, good to firm). SEE MORE INDIANS beat The Quiet Genius head in an 18-runner National Hunt flat race at Doncaster (2m 150yd, good), with ROYAL PROGRESS a well-beaten 9th.
Selection: PEACEMAN

1.35 LIONEL VICK MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,236: 3m) (5 runners)

1	1112P5-	ARCTIC CALL 216 (CD,F,G,S) (B Stewart-Brown) O Sherwood 8-12-0	J Osborne	96
2	113213-	ROMANY KING 210 (G,S) (L Garrett) G Balding 7-10-4	R Guest	90
3	2325UP-	MWEENISH 181 (D,G,S) (R Hall) J Webber 9-10-0	M Lynch	98
4	64043-1	CITY ENTERTAINER 11 (D,G,S) (R Goodall) R Goodall 10-10-0	B Powell	● 99
5	31202-6	GOLDEN MINSTREL 21 (D,F,G,S) (W Gale) J Gifford 12-10-0	P Hide (7)	95

Long handicap: City Entertainer 9-12, Golden Minstrel 9-7.

BETTING: 7-4 Arctic Call, 7-2 Romany King, Golden Minstrel, 4-1 City Entertainer, 12-1 Mweenish.

1990: ARCTIC CALL 7-11-6 J Osborne (5-4) O Sherwood 2 ran

FORM FOCUS

ARCTIC CALL put up best recent effort when 3l 2nd of 3 to Cool Ground in a chase at Wincanton (3m 1f, good)
ROMANY KING 1¾l 3rd of 8 to John O'Dee in a handicap chase at Ascot (2m 4f, good). CITY ENTERTAINER beat Manang 8l in a 12-runner handicap chase at Worcester (2m 4f, good). Previously, 8¾l 3rd of 9 to Buckshee Boy in handicap chase over course and distance (good), with MWEENISH 45l 5th. GOLDEN MINSTREL tailed off 6th of 8 to A Lad Insane in a handicap chase at Cheltenham (3m 1f 110yd, good to firm). Previously, 8l 2nd of 6 to Kings Wild in a handicap chase at Fontwell (2m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: CITY ENTERTAINER

2.10 TOM MASSON TROPHY HURDLE (£3,275: 2m 4f 120yd) (10 runners)

1	31100P-	CHARLTON YEOMAN 202 (G,S) (Mrs H Alwen) J Gifford 6-11-8	Peter Hobbs	92
2	1501-	HURRICANE HUGO 219 (D,F,S) (Bellbrae Developments Ltd) J Gifford 5-11-4	D Murphy	87
3	043311-	PRIME DISPLAY 224 (D,G,S) (C Heath) O Sherwood 5-11-4	J Osborne	98
4	15/310-	WESSEX WARRIOR 341 (F) (N Crook) M Channon 5-11-4	P Holley	75
5	0111-	TAMARPOUR 18F (F,G) (Mrs A Farrant) M Pipe 4-11-2	P Scudamore	● 99
6	130/1-	THATCHER ROCK 396 (D,F) (M Disney) P Nicholls 6-11-0	D Tegg	74
7	42341-F	DRIVER 6 (D,F,S) (D Hall) M Brown 5-10-13	B Dowling	78
8	0/214-45	BOLD REPUBLIC 4 (S) (C Shankland) C Coyne 5-10-9	G McCourt	81
9	/2/4511-	COBO BAY 172 (F) (Mrs E Hitchins) K White 6-10-9	A O'Hagan	78
10	P5P/	GREYFRIARS BOBBY 550 (Mrs B Taylor) Mrs J Retter 5-10-9	M A FitzGerald (7)	—

BETTING: 15-8 Tamarpour, 3-1 Prime Display, 5-1 Hurricane Hugo, 6-1 Charlton Yeoman, 15-2 Thatcher Rock, *10-1 Cobo Bay, 14-1 Wessex Warrior, 25-1 others.*

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

HURRICANE HUGO beat Doonloughan 2½l in a 13-runner novice handicap hurdle at *Huntingdon (2m 4f,* good to firm). PRIME DISPLAY beat Maestro Paul 3½l in an 18-runner novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 4f, good)
WESSEX WARRIOR beat The Jogger 2½l in a 10-runner novice hurdle at Kempton (2m, good to firm) on penultimate start. TAMARPOUR beat Ask Frank 5l in a 14-runner novice hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m 6f, good). THATCHER ROCK beat Secret Four 4l in a 9-runner novice hurdle at Chepstow (2m 4f, good to firm). DRIVER beat Gladtogetit 2l in a 24-runner novice hurdle at Worcester (2m 4f, soft) on penultimate start. COBO BAY beat *Wake Up 7l in a 14-runner novice* hurdle at Bangor (2m, good to firm).
Selection: PRIME DISPLAY

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider *plus any allowance. The Times Private* Handicapper's rating.

2.45 COKETHORPE NOVICES CHASE (£2,732: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1	045/F2-1	LE PICCOLAGE 14 (D,F) (Lord Mostyn) N Henderson 7-11-5	R Dunwoody	● 99
2	32F0-41	SHAH'S CHOICE 12 (CD,F,S) (A Skidmore) C Popham 8-11-5	S Burrough	97
3	04/1341-	FURRY KNOWE 184 (F) (Queen Elizabeth) Mrs F Walwyn 8-11-0	B de Haan	—
4	500/11/	GENERAL GLORY 711 (F,G) (Mrs M Arnold) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-0	E Murphy	—
5	124110-	GRANVILLEWATERFORD 214 (G) (Mrs D Stamp) S Sherwood 6-11-0	J Osborne	—
6	F2113-5	ON HIS OWN 12 (F,G) (Whitcombe Manor Stables Ltd) G Balding 8-11-0	J Frost	—
7	66/P5-F	THE HILL 32 (G) (A Bright) B Smart 9-11-0	J Railton	—

BETTING: 7-4 Le Piccolage, 7-2 Sha's Choice, 4-1 Granvillewaterford, 5-1 Furry Knowe, 12-1 General Glory, On His Own, 33-1 The Hill.

1990: SOUTHERLY BUSTER 7-11-5 J Osborne (9-4 jt-fav) O Sherwood 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

LE PICCOLAGE jumped well, to beat Lake Teereen 30l in a 5-runner novice chase at Ascot (2m 4f, good to firm). SHAH'S CHOICE beat Record Fight 12l in a 4-runner novice chase over course and distance (good to firm). FURRY KNOWE beat Holt Place 3l in a 12-runner novice hurdle at Devon (2m 1f, good to firm). Previously, 12½l 3rd of 21 to Book Of Gold in a novice hurdle at Sandown (2m, good to soft). GENERAL GLORY completed a double when beating Holtermann ¾l in a 16-runner novice hurdle, here (2m 100yd, good to firm), in November 1989. GRANVILLEWATERFORD beat Singlesole 3½l in a 16-runner Doncaster (2m 4f, good) novice hurdle on penultimate start. ON HIS OWN unchallenged, beat Boscean Chieftain 8l in a 7-runner handicap hurdle at Ascot (3m, good to firm)
Selection: LE PICCOLAGE (nap)

3.20 WINTERBOURNE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,184: 2m 160yd) (4 runners)

1	0/1U160-	MY YOUNG MAN 215 (CD,F,G) (Mrs W Tulloch) C Brooks 6-12-0	G Bradley	97
2	21P4/11-	FOR THE GRAIN 349 (CD,F,G,S) (H Joel) D Nicholson 7-11-13	R Dunwoody	96
3	135P-64	KNOCKBRACK 6 (CD,F,G,S) (G Holmes) G Ham 11-11-11	B Powell	86
4	F/10121-	AMARI KING 200 (D,G,S) (M Ward-Thomas) T Forster 7-11-10	J Railton	● 99

BETTING: 7-4 Amari King, 9-4 My Young Man, 11-4 For The Grain, 10-1 Knockbrack.

1990: HOGMANAY 8-11-1 H Davies (5-1) R Casey 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MY YOUNG MAN 22l 6th of 14 to Remittance Man in grade I Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham (2m, good to soft) on penultimate start. Previously, beat Buck Willow 3l in novice chase over course and distance (good). *FOR THE GRAIN completed a double* when easily beating sole rival Came Down 2l in a handicap chase at Wincanton (2m, good to firm). KNOCKBRACK tailed- off distance 4th to Setter Country in a 6-runner handicap chase at Stratford (2m, good). AMARI KING easily beat Guiburn's Nephew 12l *in a 9-runner handicap chase at Stratford (2m, good).*
Selection: MY YOUNG MAN

3.55 COLD ASH NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-O: £2,080: 2m 100yd) (20 runners)

1		DESERT FOREST 392F (M Scott) G Balding 11-0	J Frost	—
2	3	EMSBOY 14 (Mrs R Ballin) P Cundell 11-0	R Stronge	—
3		GREEN GLOW 34F (Mrs E Weinstein) M Tompkins 11-0	R Campbell	—
4		HAVEYOUALLDONE 21F (D Churston) S Dow 11-0	H Davies	—
5		JET PET 76F (Mrs S Hall) R Brotherton 11-0	D Leahy (7)	—
6		KAYFAAT 15F (Kinch Bulk Haulage Limited) M Pipe 11-0	P Scudamore	—
7	0	NAN'S BOY 18 (R Gurr) R Holder 11-0	E Byrne	—
8	4	PITT CLUB 21 (Mrs L Warren) C Popham 11-0	B Powell	—
9	4	RADAR KNIGHT 9F (BF) (Exors of the late Mr A Alexander) R Bennett 11-0	G McCourt	—
10		SAINT CIEL 39F (F Jordan) F Jordan 11-0	J Lodder	—
11		SLY PROSPECT 40F (R Mehta) K White 11-0	T Wall	—
12		SWEET GLEN 177F (Mask Cottage Racing) C James 11-0	R Dunwoody	—
13		TIMOTHY'S QUAY (W Jones) R Hollinshead 11-0	G Lyons	—
14		TOUCHING TIMES 60F (G Pritchard-Gordon) G Pritchard-Gordon 11-0	J White	—
15		TREMBALINO 155F (D Saxby) G Harwood 11-0	M Perrett	—
16	F	TURBO-R 12 (E Lodge) A Chamberlain 11-0	Lorna Vincent	—
17	0	VALUED FRIEND 28 (T Thom) J Bridger 11-0	G Moore	—
18		CATUNDRA 75F (A Cartlich) Mrs A Knight 10-9	G Knight	—
19		PEGGOTTY 54F (J Sawyer) P Hayward 10-9	Gee Armytage	—
20		ROYAL MARRIAGE 54F (P Warren) Mrs J Retter 10-9	M A FitzGerald (7)	—

BETTING: 3-1 Kayfaat, 4-1 Saint Ciel, 11-2 Emsboy, 8-1 Sly Prospect, 8-1 Radar Knight, 10-1 Trembalino, Touching Times, 12-1 Sweet Glen, 14-1 Pitt Club, 16-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

EMSBOY 8l 3rd of 9 to The Blue Boy in a novice hurdle at Ascot (2m, good to firm). PITT CLUB 3¼l 4th of 8 to Hidden Cove in a novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m, *good to firm)*
RADAR KNIGHT 13½l 4th of 10 to Courage-Mon-Brave in a novice hurdle at Fontwell (2m 2f, firm). TURBO-R 5th when fell 5th in a 8-runner novice hurdle over course and distance (good to firm).
JET PET 2l 2nd of 11 to Tyrian Purple in Southwell (AW, 1m, standard) handicap on penultimate start on the Flat. KAYFAAT 1½l 2nd of 9 to Shoofe in a handicap at Chester (2m, good to soft). *SAINT CIEL beat* Crazy Horse Dancer in a 20-runner claimer at Haydock (1m 2f 131yd, good to soft).
SLY PROSPECT beat Killinghall 3l in a 5-runner maiden at Thirsk (7f, firm). TOUCHING TIMES beat Brantfell 1½l in a 7-runner claimer at Redcar (1m 5f 125yd, good to firm). TREMBALINO beat Arogoto a neck in a 9-runner maiden Brighton (1m, firm). CATUNDRA 1½l 2nd of 8 to Mata Cara in a handicap at Wolverhampton (7f, good to firm).
Selection: EMSBOY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Harwood	6	14	42.9	P Holley	9	38	23.7
M Pipe	20	64	31.3	P Scudamore	28	119	23.5
C Brooks	11	46	23.9	R Dunwoody	35	163	21.5
T Forster	12	53	22.6	M Perrett	12	57	21.1
N Twiston-Davies	3	16	18.8	J Osborne	13	71	18.3
C Popham	3	16	18.8	G McCourt	10	58	17.2

Cummings captures Melbourne Cup again

LET'S Elope survived a stewards' enquiry to land yesterday's £870,000 Melbourne Cup and give trainer Bart Cummings his ninth victory in Australia's most celebrated race.

The four-year-old filly, only the second of her age and sex to win the Flemington handicap, raced away from the top of the turn under Steven King to win *by two-and-a-half lengths from* Shiva's Revenge.

Let's Elope then had to survive an objection from the rider of the second, Shane Dye, also *trained* by Cummings. Dye claimed that Let's Elope had hampered his mount at the two-furlong marker but the protest was dismissed by the stewards.

Formerly based in New Zealand with David O'Sullivan, Let's Elope was posting her *fourth straight victory, her* earlier wins including the Caulfield Cup and Saturday's customary lead-up race, the Mackinnon Stakes, at the same course.

Ivory Way, owned by Sheikh Mohammed, fared best of the runners imported from Europe *in finishing fifth.* Hamdan Al-Maktoum's three representatives — Rasheek, Al Maheb and Alphabel — were sixth, seventh and sixteenth respectively.

The crowd at Flemington exceeded 95,000 and an estimated £45 million was wagered *on the race in Australia alone.* The race was broadcast in 40 other countries and the start was delayed by 50 minutes so that Hong Kong punters could bet on *it and watch it at Happy Valley.*

Sabin Du Loir looks threat to all at Kempton

SABIN Du Loir is out to steal Desert Orchid's King George VI *Chase crown. Arguably unlucky* when falling in the Kempton showpiece last year, the 12-year-old demonstrated at Devon & Exeter yesterday that advancing *years have failed to diminish his* talents.

Martin Pipe's gelding put in a superb round of jumping to seal his second successive victory in the star-studded £25,000 Plymouth Gin Haldon Gold Challenge Cup Chase.

Twelve months ago Sabin Du Loir defeated Desert Orchid and this time he saw off Waterloo Boy, a former champion two-mile chaser, Beech Road, the 1989 champion hurdler, and the talented Young Snugfit.

The victory prompted Corals *to cut Sabin Du Loir from 10-1* to 7-1 for the King George. Blazing Walker is 3-1 favourite with Desert Orchid a 4-1 chance.

Pipe said: "We'll probably go straight to the King George but I'll have to discuss things with the owner [Brian Kilpatrick] first."

Sabin du Loir, again successful against Desert Orchid over two miles five furlongs at Wincanton last *month*, carved out the running with Peter Scudamore making maximum use of his stamina over this shorter trip of two miles and a furlong.

Challenged by Waterloo Boy approaching the last, Sabin Du *Loir found reserves to pull clear* on the run-in and win by six lengths with a further ten *lengths back to Beech Road.*

"That was a smashing performance — a 12-year-old showing the younger ones what to do," Pipe said. "I was really pleased as the distance was a bit sharp and it was asking a lot for him to give them 6lb. This is also a good *result for Desert Orchid. It* confirms it was good form when we beat him at Wincanton."

Apart from a mistake at the water, Beech Road's jumping *was sound in the main on his* return to fencing after a break of nearly three years. He almost lost his life on his last encounter with fences at Cheltenham on New Year's Day, 1989.

"Once he got the freshness out of him he was very good," Toby *Balding said. "He was a bit* erratic early on but then got the hang of things and the fences hold no fears now. We'll take him to the bottom of the pile and play it from there."

David Nicholson was satisfied with Waterloo Boy, who *may have just needed the race.* The eight-year-old's main target is again the Queen Mother Champion Chase. Before that he will be aimed at the Tingle Creek, Castleford and Game Spirit Chases.

Young Snugfit, disappointing in his last two races, once again failed to perform to his best. He will attempt to redeem his reputation in the Tingle Creek, a race in which he beat Waterloo *Boy and Sabin Du Loir last year.*

Desert Orchid misses Wincanton

By Paul Wheeler

DESERT Orchid will not run in the Badger Beer Handicap Chase at Wincanton tomorrow but Garrison Savannah, the Gold Cup winner, may make his seasonal reappearance in the race.

David Elsworth, back from the United States, yesterday ruled out Wincanton but has still to decide on the final programme before the 12-year-old seeks a fifth victory in the *King George VI Chase at* Kempton on Boxing Day.

Jenny Pitman, Garrison Savannah's trainer, is keeping her options open until the last moment. "*I won't be deciding* until five minutes before declaration time," Mrs Pitman said. "I don't know what we'll be doing yet but the absence of Desert Orchid doesn't make any difference."

The eight-year-old, who held off The Fellow by a head to win steeplechasing's blue riband at Cheltenham in March, is set to carry 11st 10lb at Wincanton and faces a maximum of nine rivals.

Of those, all except Man O'Magic, who finished last of four at Sandown on Saturday and is not expected to run, would be carrying a stone or *more than their original weight* in this limited handicap.

Plans remain fluid for Desert Orchid. Chris Hill, Elsworth's secretary, said yesterday: "He doesn't run on Thursday but he could go to Ascot next week for the Racecall Hurdle, or to Kempton for the Boxing Day Trial Chase, or to Huntingdon. We haven't decided yet."

Similarly, no firm decision has been made about Elsworth's other star chaser, Barnbrook Again. "He's ready to run but it's just finding the right race," Hill added. "He could also go to Kempton, although they wouldn't run against each other."

Anti Matter a warm order for Mackeson

ANTI Matter, winner of three of his four novice chases last term, ousted Espy from the head of the Mackeson Gold Cup betting market yesterday after being supported from 10-1 to 13-2 with Ladbrokes (Phil McLennan writes).

Martin Pipe is confident about the six-year-old's chance in Saturday's Cheltenham showpiece. "Anti Matter definitely goes with Peter Scudamore on board," Pipe said. "He is very *well and should run a big race.*"

Corals make Anti Matter 7-1 joint-favourite (from 10-1) with Espy, who is not yet a certain runner. Another Coral was also *well backed with Corals and is* now 10-1 from 12-1.

Adrian Maguire has been booked to ride Irish challenger Toranfield for Fran Lennon while Hywel Davies may partner Major Match, the Charisma Gold Cup winner.

BETTING: Ladbrokes: 13-2 Anti Matter, 7-1 Espy, 9-1 Pegwell Bay, Another Coral, 10-1 New Halen, Major Match, 12-1 Clever Folly, *Pat's Jester, Guiburn's Nephew, 14 Bar*

International move on prohibited substances

By Phil McLennan

PLANS to achieve a more uniform approach to the contentious subject of prohibited substances were put into motion at the International Stewards' Conference in Lexington, Kentucky, on Monday.

The stewards of the Jockey Club, Turf Club and Societe d'Encouragement agreed to the formation of a European Horseracing Scientific Liaison Committee, which will become operational from April 1 of next year.

Although membership will *initially be limited to Britain,* Ireland and France, other authorities, including the Jockey Club (New York), will be invited to send representatives.

Each of the three member countries will nominate an analyst, a pharmacologist, a vet and a racing administrator. The chairman will be taken from *among these nominees.*

Explaining the move to set up the committee, a Jockey Club spokesman said yesterday: "Although there is regular liaison between official *laboratories, a* need for closer technical co-operation and more effective co-ordination of research has been identified both in the United States and in Europe."

The committee's terms of reference have already been drawn up and include the need for uniformity of approach to subjects such as minimum laboratory resource levels, recommendations on the need for new threshold levels and whether or not new substances fall within the prohibited list.

The commitee also intends to provide a European forum for matters raised by senior veterinary officers and to assess the feasibility of racing authorities becoming involved in drug administration programmes.

KELSO

MANDARIN
1.15 Linn Falls.
1.45 Ragorey.
2.20 Master Glen.
2.55 Ballinrostig.
3.30 Maudlins Cross.
4.05 Terrible Gel.

THUNDERER
1.15 Yokatola Run.
1.45 Ragorey.
2.20 Masai Mara.
2.55 **BALLINROSTIG** (nap).
3.30 Maudlins Cross.
4.05 Antiguan Smile.

RICHARD EVANS
2.20 Masai Mara.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM (GOOD IN PLACES) — SIS

1.15 RADIO BORDERS MAIDEN *HURDLE* (*Amateurs*: £1,856: 2m 6f) (17 runners)

1	0P/	APPLE MAGIC 560 (N Tutty) Mrs K Tutty 5-11-7	N Tutty (5)	—
2		AYDON DENE (Mrs J Straker) Mrs S Bradburne 5-11-7	J Bradburne (5)	—
3		BALANAKEIL (C Alexander) C Alexander 6-11-7	D McCain (7)	—
4		CIRCLE BOY (Circle Property Protection) G Coatsworth 4-11-7	P Johnson (7)	—
5	4/0	INVERINATE 11 (C Ewart) L Lungo 6-11-7	C Ewart (7)	—
6	0-5	IRISH GENT 42 (W Stephenson) W A Stephenson 5-11-7	A Thornton (7)	80
7	06	MAXTON 19 (M Boyd) R Allan 5-11-7	N Wilson (7)	—
8	6-0	THE BIG SOOK 25 (D McGarva) D McGarva 7-11-7	S Swiers	91
9	20-	URON V 312 (G Faber and P Ambler) M Hammond 5-11-7	S Lyons (7)	● 99
10	4-20	WASHAKIE 22 (Mrs F Walton) F Walton 6-11-7	M Claxton (7)	—
11	0040P-0	ZAM BEE 18 (N Green) W Reed 5-11-7	Miss P Robson (7)	94
12	00-0	COOL DYNASTY 26 (Mrs M Kendall) Mrs M Kendall 4-11-2	Mrs M Kendall (7)	—
13	300/P2-2	LINN FALLS 42 (Mrs V Gilmour) G Richards 6-11-2	R Hale (7)	94
14	P/5030/	MISTY JOY 734 (G Fordham) W Kemp 6-11-2	P Harding Jones (5)	—
15	6003-	ROSEWELL 331 (W Wearmouth) R Lamb 5-11-2	Miss S Lamb (7)	84
16		TRIPLE VALUE (Lady Renwick) G Coatsworth 4-11-2	N Hargreave (7)	—
17	00006-5	YOKATOLA RUN 25 (B Mactaggart) B Mactaggart 5-11-2	D Mactaggart (5)	87

BETTING: 15-8 Linn Falls, 5-2 Irish Gent, 11-2 Maxton, 10-1 Uron V, 14-1 Washakie, 16-1 Aydon Dene, The Big Sook, 20-1 others

1990: NOW AND THEN 5-11-0 Mr G Morrow (4-1) Mrs S Bramall 16 ran

1.45 JACK BRITTON MEMORIAL NOVICE CHASE (£2,879: 2m 6f) (6 runners)

1	11	RAGOREY 11 (G) (T McDonagh Ltd) W A Stephenson 6-11-9	C Grant	● 99
2	/32/3/6-	ISLAND PEARL 426 (F,G) (W Kemp) W Kemp 11-11-2	K Jones	94
3	060-U5F	OFF THE BRU 7 (Mrs S Bradburne) Mrs S Bradburne 6-11-2	Mr J Bradburne	—
4	0P3P-60	TOKYO JOE 18 (G) (Mrs J Clarke) S Payne 8-11-2	R Supple	82
5	1-32213	ZAM'S SLAVE 26 (F) (W Wyllie) J Charlton 6-11-1	Miss P Robson (7)	85
6	U0/213-	MIG 391 (G) (N Mason Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-11	P Niven	—

BETTING: 4-5 Ragorey, 13-8 Mig, 9-1 Zam's Slave, 33-1 others.

1990: FARNWORTH 7-11-4 M Dwyer (17-2) G Moore 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
M Hammond	8	29	27.6	N Doughty	22	77	28.6
G Richards	33	133	24.8	P Niven	24	108	22.2
Mrs G Reveley	18	75	24.0	L O'Hara	13	60	21.7
Mrs S Bramall	5	32	15.6	C Grant	14	106	13.2
W A Stephenson	31	205	15.1	A Merrigan	9	68	13.2
P Monteith	9	65	13.8	D Byrne	4	35	11.4

2.20 MIDDLEMAS OF KELSO SCOTTISH BORDERS JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE TROPHY (3-Y-O: £3,529: 2m) (11 runners)

1		ANTONIN 170F (Mrs S Bramall) Mrs S Bramall 10-12	J O'Gorman	—
2		MASAI MARA 20F (S Dinsmore) P Haslam 10-12	J Callaghan	—
3	F	MASTER GLEN 21 (G Platt) G Oldroyd 10-12	P Midgley (7)	—
4	2	NODDLE 81 (BF) (J Galbraith) L Lungo 10-12	L O'Hara	—
5		OLD DEFENSIBLE 289F (S Payne) S Payne 10-12	R Supple	—
6		PREBENDS BRIDGE (D Franks) D Franks 10-12	P Carr (7)	—
7	60	SCHWANTZ 8F (Mrs E Mitchell) W Kemp 10-12	S Smith Eccles	—
8		SORDIFA (Mrs D Culham) Mrs D Culham 10-12	A Orkney	—
9	5	WHIPPERS DELIGHT 12 (S Tindall) G Charles-Jones 10-12	A Maguire (5)	—
10		WOOLAW BOY 14F (J Cumming) J Haldane 10-12	B Storey	—
11	0	JULIETSKI 21 (S Branlon) M Hammond 10-7	P Niven	—

BETTING: 11-8 Master Glen, 4-1 Noddle, 9-2 Whippers Delight, 9-1 Masai Mara, 14-1 Julietski, 20-1 Antonin, 25-1 others.

1990: SAN PIER NICETO 3-10-12 N Doughty (3-1) M Hammond 7 ran

2.55 PAT DECLERMONT CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (£2,762: 3m) (6 runners)

1	221P-U5	LOTHIAN CAPTAIN 5 (BF,C,D,G,S) (W Crawford) G Richards 6-12-0	N Doughty	● 99
2	5/1242-3	TASAR 18 (B,CD,F,G) (Lady Realy) W A Stephenson 10-11-6	C Grant	91
3	4115P-4	BALLINROSTIG 21 (D,G) (H Thompson) Denys Smith 8-10-11	S Smith Eccles	90
4	411P3-0	INTERIM LIB 7 (C,D,F,G,S) (R Henderson) Mrs S Bradburne 8-10-7	Mr J Bradburne	93
5	34P-533	MAJIC RAIN 14 (CD,G) (North East Racing Club Ltd) G Coatsworth 6-10-0	A Merrigan	86
6	4R6/2P4	NORTHERN MEADOW 18 (CD,F) (S Chadwick) Mr S Chadwick 10-10-0	Miss J Thurlow	—

BETTING: 6-4 Ballinrostig, 11-4 Lothian Captain, 3-1 Tasar, 6-1 Interim Lib, 16-1 Majic Rain, 33-1 Northern Meadow

1990: BLUFF KNOLL 7-11-2 G Harker (13-2) R Brewis 6 ran

3.30 SUMMERS & PARTNERS 25th ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP CHASE (£2,808. 2m 196yd) (5 runners)

1	82125-2	PURA MONEY 5 (CD,F,G,S) (J Hamilton) G Richards 9-12-0	N Doughty	98
2	12153-1	MAUDLINS CROSS 13 (D,F,G) (D Bell) Mrs G Reveley 6-10-11	P Niven	● 99
3	1-12314	TIGERS PET 11 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Bissill) W Bissill 7-10-7	C Grant	85
4	UP223/3	POWER PUNCH 25 (W Kemp) W Kemp 7-10-3	S Smith Eccles	—
5	0/52PPP-	TAVERN TIME 182 (G,S) (R Pasley) R Pasley 10-10-0	A Orkney	95

BETTING: Evens Maudlins Cross, 11-8 Pura Money, 6-1 Tigers Pet, 12-1 Power Punch, 33-1 Tavern Time

1990: PURA MONEY 8-12-0 N Doughty (100-30) G Richards 8 ran

4.05 TAYLORS LBV PORT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,318· 2m) (12 runners)

1	60/31-	TERRIBLE GEL 379 (D,F) (R Watts) Mrs G Reveley 6-11-10	P Niven	91
2	/1201P/	ALBERT THE GREAT 711 (CD,F,G) (I Redden) G Coatsworth 8-11-8	D Byrne	—
3	5PP5-U4	SKOLERN 14 (V,D,F,G) (I Greaves) A Harrison 7-11-5	J Callaghan	94
4	4326-21	MASTER OFTHE HOUSE 41 (D,G) (Tupgill Park Club) M Hammond 5-11-2	Mr S Lyons	88
5	695P-50	REEF LARK 5 (B,D,S) (J Hellens) J Hellens 6-11-1	A Orkney	97
6	41/0	JUST PULHAM 72 (D,S) (J Golding) S Payne 6-11-0	R Supple	—
7	514-321	AL FROLIC 33 (D,F,G) (J Glass) P Monteith 4-10-12	F Murtagh (7)	90
8	013-62P	J-TEC BOY 7 (D,G) (J Cringan) J Kinane 5-10-11	M Moloney (3)	88
9	0400-54	ANTIGUAN SMILE 21 (D,F,G) (D Lennon) B Wilkinson 6-10-11	A Larnach (7)	95
10	50326-	CROSSHOT 201 (R McDonald) R McDonald 4-10-10	K Jones	98
11	2142-45	TINA'S BRIG 26 (D,F,G,S) (K Milligan) C Parker 10-10-7	Mr D Parker (7)	96
12	1P0003-	SEXY MOVER 160F (D,S) (A Crook) W Storey 4-10-6	K Doolan	● 99

BETTING: 4-1 Terrible Gel, 9-2 J-Tec Boy, 5-1 Antiguan Smile, 6-1 Skolern, 8-1 Al Frolic, Master Ofthe House, Sexy Mover, 12-1 Just Pulham, 16-1 others

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S FOUR MEETINGS

Devon & Exeter

Going: good to firm

1.15 (2m 3f hdle) 1, CHILD OF THE MIST (J Osborne, Evens fav), 2, Silver Strings (C Evans, 66-1); 3, Poacher's Delight (D Richmond, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Meadow Cottage, 6 *Miss Equila (4th), 10 Fanatical,* 14 Dexterous Lady, 20 Brown Rebel (6th), Vomero (f), 33 Allyfair, 50 Come On Toby (pu), Lirie Lad (5th), Isle-O-Valla (pu), 66 Aldors Boy, Brynhill Alert, Cobb Run, Terracotta Army (pu), Bright Corner 18 ran 30l, 8l, ½l, 8l, 1½l O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.50, £1.50, £10.40, £2.80. DF £79.70. CSF £76.87.

1.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, KNIGHTON COOMBE (H Davies, 6-1); 2, *Garston La Gaffe (M Fitzgerald, 12-1);* 3, Train Robber (W Irvine, 20-1); 4, Pabrey (R Dunwoody, 10-1) ALSO RAN. 5 fav Harbinger, 6 Whassat, 15-2 Kiwi Velocity (5th), 8 Grey Gypsy, 16 Play The Blues, Warner Forpleasure, 20 Cheeky Fox, 25 Secret Summit (6th), Rongwheel, 33 Holme Hale, *50 Really Neat, Our Billy Boy.* Nothingbutpleasure, Tina's Angel 18 ran Hd, 10l, 15l, 2½l, 3l. T Forster at Wantage. Tote: £8.10, £2.40, £5.00, £2.80, £2.10. DF: £62.00. CSF £89 08 Tricast: £1,225.36

2.15 (2m 1f ch) 1, SABIN DU LOIR (P Scudamore, 5-4 fav), 2, Waterloo Boy (R Dunwoody, 15-8); 3, Beech Road (R Guest, 12-1) ALSO RAN· 4 Young Snugfit (5th), 25 Setter Country (4th), 200 Dragonade (6th) 6 ran NR Combermere, *Renard Quay. 6l, 10l.* 2½l, hd, dist M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.20; £1 10, £1 50 DF: £1 80. CSF. £3.81.

2.45 *(2m 1f hdle) 1, DERISBAY (P Scudamore,* 7-2); 2, Trust Deed (N Coleman, 11-2). 3, Kintaro (G Bradley, 12-1) ALSO RAN 10-11 fav Freezing (f). 14 Bahran Queen (4th), 20 Naughty Nora (6th). 25 Kashmir Gold (5th). Glen Finnen (pu). 66 Theprincessofspeed. 9 ran. 2l, 20l, 2l, 25l, dist. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote *£4.50; £1 80. £1.50, £1 70* DF £7 40 CSF £21 88 No bid.

3.15 (3m 1f ch) 1, COUNTRY DIARY (R *Guest, 4-1), 2, Montgomery (W Irvine, 33-1).* 3, Quito Prince (R Greene, 14-1) ALSO RAN· 11-10 fav People's Choice (pu), 11-2 *Height of Fun (ur), 13-2 Mister Christian (ur),* 14 Aviation Support (pu) 7 ran 2½l, 30l. G Balding at Whitcombe. Tote. £4.00; £1 80, £8.90 DF £115 10. CSF: £74.44

3.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, BELTANE THE SMITH (R Greene, 16-1); 2, Military Band (M A Fitzgerald, 7-1), 3, Monday Club (R Dunwoody, 5-4 fav). ALSO RAN. 9-4 Stone Flake (5th), 7 The Mague (4th), 14 Heart of Stone (pu). 6 ran. 4l, 25l, 15l, 10l. N Dunn at Taunton Tote £18.90, £4.40, £2 40. DF· £25.50. CSF· £89 65.

Placepot: £1,044.10.

Nottingham

Going: good to firm

1.20 (2m hdle) 1, Ecossais Danseur (A Maguire, 11-8 fav); 2, Evading (9-1), 3, *Dancing Eyes* (7-1) 11 ran NR Kiloann Girl 1½l, 4l. J Spearing Tote: £3 10, £1 60, £1.90, £2.20, DF· £5.50 CSF £16 13. Bought in for 2,800gns

1.50 (2m 6f) 1, Mint-Master (J Duggan, 7-2). 2, Pats Minstrel (7-2); 3, Hickelton Lad (9-4 fav) 8 ran. 6l, 4l. Mrs I McKie Tote £5 30. £1 10, £1 60, £1.40 DF· £7.90 CSF £15 41 Tricast· £29 55.

2.20 (2m hdle) 1, Kagram Queen (P Niven, 7-2 fav); 2, Gold Medal (11-2), 3, Touched By Love (10-1). 22 ran. 2½l, sh hd Mrs G Reveley Tote: £4.20, £1.70, £3 00, £6 80 DF: £17.80. CSF. £29 88.

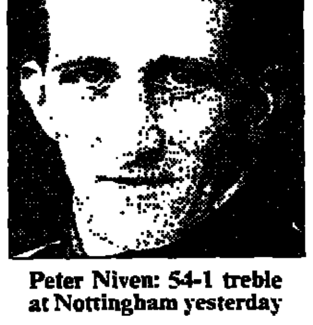
2.50 (2m ch) 1, Stirling Express (P Niven, 7-2), 2, Love Anew (6-4), 3, Orchapedzo (25-1) Single Shooter 5-4 fav 4 ran. 8l, dist J Mackie Tote £5 20 *DF· £4 60 CSF· £8 64*

3.20 (2m 6l ch) 1, Arctic Teal (M Richards, 7-4 jt-fav), 2, Owd Henry (7-4 jt-fav); 3, Die In *The Sky (33-1) 6 ran 5l, 5l O Sherwood.* Tote· £2.10. £1 70, £2.00 DF· £3 70. CSF £5.22

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, West With The Wind (M Dwyer, 11-8 fav), 2, Cobblers Cooler (11-4). 3, Baladiya (5-1) 9 ran. 1½l, 1½l G Moore. Tote £2.50, £1 40, £1 10, £1.50 DF £5 00 CSF £6 03 *Tricast £14.32*

4.20 (3m 4f hdle) 1, Monaru (P Niven, 7-4 fav), 2, Fingers Crossed (2-1), 3, Mubaans (5-2) *8 ran. ½l, 3½l Mrs G Reveley Tote* £2.70, £1 60, £1 10, £1 80 DF £2.50 CSF. £8.47 Tricast £8 73

Placepot: £56.80.



Peter Niven: 54-1 treble at Nottingham yesterday

Hamilton

Going: soft

1.00 (6f 5yd) 1, Jefferson Davis (A Culhane, 9-1); 2, Stoproventate (16-1) 3, Burning Point (11-8 fav) 15 ran. 1l, 1½l W Pearce. Tote £16 00, £3 40, £3 10 £1 10 DF £91 30 CSF £136 06

1.30 (6f 5yd) 1, Sea Devil (N Connorton, 9-2 fav), 2, Wellsy Lad (16-1), 3 Mimining (14-1); 4, Miss Aragon (12-1) 18 ran 3l, ¾l M Camacho Tote £5 50 £2 00, £3 20, £5 80, £3 00 DF £58 40 CSF £72 17 Tricast. £896 19

2.00 *(5f 4yd)* 1, Meeson Times (J Lowe, 7-1), 2, Shadad (8-1), 3 Prohibition (4-6 fav) 9 ran 1½l, sh hd B Ellison Tote. £10.40: £1 70, £1 70, £1 30 DF £ 56 40 CSF £55 74.

2.30 (1m 1f 36yd) 1, All Present (F Norton, 6-1 jt-fav), 2, Little Rousillon (6-1 jt-fav). 3, Isca's Son (7-1)· 4 I'm Special (10-1) 16 ran *NR Great Fun Come Home Alone Sh hd. 4l* R Akehurst Tote. £10 20, £2.50, £1 10, £1.80, £2 80 DF £21 00 CSF. £41 18. *Tricast £236 99 After a stewards enquiry,* result stood

3.00 (1m 65yd) 1, Mentalasanythin (K *Fallon, 6-1 fav), 2, Glide Path (14-1) 3 Dollar* Wine (16-1), 4, Leonadis Polk (20-1) 18 ran. 7l, ½l A Bailey Tote· £8 50, £1 60, £4.60, £7 60, £5 10 DF £125 80. CSF £86 64 Tricast £1179 64.

3.30 (1m 4f 17yd) 1, Grey Power (B Raymond, 16-1), 2, Cheeky Pot (10-1) 3, No Candles Tonight (6-1), 4, Easy Over (7-1). Lara's Baby 7-2 fav 17 ran. NR Santarsy ¾l, ¾l Miss L Perratt Tote. £18.50; £3 50, £2.00, £1.50, £5.40. DF. £350 00 CSF: £170.18 Tricast: £1002.26

Placepot: £102.50.

Hereford

Going: good (good to soft patches)

1.10 (2m hdle) 1, Ballystate (G Upton, 50-1), 2, Henley Regatta (7-4 fav). 3, Auvillar (12-1) 16 ran 30l, ¾l C James. Tote· £37 80, £9 60, £1 80, £3 10 DF £65 70 CSF £130 83

1.40 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Polecroft (D J Burchell, 13-2), 2, Carmcastle (6-1), 3, Glebelands Girl (25-1), 4, Celtic Hamlet (25-1) Aioli 7-2 fav *NR Jimpenze 18 ran 8l, 12l D Burchell* Tote £13 90; £5 40, £1 80, £5 40, £7 10 DF £98.50. CSF· £46 91 Tricast £880 89

2.10 (2m ch) 1, Spacial (B Powell, 6-4), 2, Springholm (11-8 fav), 3, Wide Boy (7-2) 4 ran NR· Northern Lion. 5l, 25l N Gaselee Tote £2.20 DF £2.00 CSF £3 90

2.40 (3m 1f) 1, Avonmouthsecretary (N Mann, 5-2 fav); 2, Record Flight (3-1), 3, Netherbridge (14-1) 9 ran NR Side of Hill *2½l, 15l R Holder Tote £3 10· £1 70, £1 10,* £2 00 DF £4 00 CSF £9 41 Tricast £70.24

3.10 (2m hdle) 1, Ardcroney Chief (B *Powell, 5-1), 2, Crooked Counsel (100-1),* 3, Triple Witching (11-8 fav) 15 ran 10l, 10l D Gandolfo Tote £6 60; £2 50 £4 70, £1 60 DF £477 40 CSF £297 58

3.40 (2m 3f ch) 1, Tochenka (C Llewellyn, 8-1), 2, Here Comes Charter (10-1) 3, More Cool (10-1) Couture Tights 9-4 fav. 11 ran NR Comhampton 3l, 5l R Juckes Tote £8 60, £2 30, £3 10, £1 80, DF £31 00 CSF £72 50

4.10 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Young Hustler (C Maude, 9-1), 2, Wedding Feast (14-1), 3, Far Too Loud (9-1) 4, Reve En Rose (5-1) Magsood 4-1 fav 17 ran NR Warner Forpleasure 8l, 5l N Twiston-Davies Tote £30 60; £4.80, £3.20, £2 50, £2 30 DF *£461 50 CSF. £129 33 Tricast £1 090 50*

Placepot: £471.50.

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Winds of change unlikely to brew into a storm

THE GAME THAT WILL NEVER BE THE SAME

The Times continues a series on rugby union after the World Cup. **Rob Andrew**, England's stand-off half, offers a player's perspective and asks just how much the game will change

The 1991 World Cup will be remembered as the tournament which lifted rugby union on to a world stage never known before. But whether the sport will change drastically as a result of the competition I somehow doubt. Rugby may be altered in some ways but only to a certain degree. In a couple of weeks, when people are back at their clubs and offices, I suspect that not a lot will have changed.

If, as seems probable, it is the intention of the authorities to retain the strict amateurism of the game, then I am not sure a great deal can alter.

Of the lessons the rugby authorities will have to glean from the tournament, I suppose one of the main ones would be that many other nations have proved they can compete at the highest level. The performances of countries like Canada, Western Samoa and Italy demonstrated that here is a game mushrooming in interest in diverse continents. Help must be forthcoming for those countries to assist their development.

Commensurate with that progress of the so-called lesser nations, the tournament also showed that the northern hemisphere countries have virtually caught up their counterparts in the southern hemisphere, Australia and New Zealand. The latter countries can no longer anticipate an easy match against virtually any of the sides in this part of the world. What Ireland and England did against Australia is the perfect example.

The challenge for English rugby now is to try to maintain the position it has established at this tournament. We have always been one of the leading eight in the world but never consistently been regarded as one of the top sides. But, with the structure we now have in England and the numbers playing the game, we should remain in this top flight of the first three or four and always be there.

I do not necessarily see the World Cup dragging rugby towards professionalism. There is a possibility that players at the top level would wish to give up a few years of their lives to concentrate on the preparation for a World Cup, just as athletes do for an Olympic Games. A sabbatical, if you like, but then how to fund such a scheme is the problem. Players would need something to sustain them through that period and, perhaps, that should happen. Because the fact is, to play at this level, you do need all this time to prepare; otherwise you cannot compete.

Players may also have to choose much more between rugby and their careers. The danger is that if no financial assistance is forthcoming from activities associated with the game then rugby union may well become a sport which many people cannot afford to play. The time we have all spent at this World Cup teaches us that.

The great anomaly of rugby is that it is such a high-profile game and yet there is no money in it for the players. But do we want money out of it? I do not know and I do not believe anyone in the game knows which is the path forward in this matter. It is hard to see an ideal solution, so the easiest way to deal with a problem is leave it and hope it goes away, which of course it never will.

Ultimately, someone has to decide where the game is to go for the future. And when that decision is made they have to bear in mind the amount of time that is given up on behalf of the sport, not only by the players but the legions of unpaid administrators.

There is one factor on which I am certain in this debate: it is no answer for people in authority to say to players: "If you don't want to take part as the game is, then go to rugby league". That viewpoint helps nobody because I cannot believe anybody associated with the game would really want the best players to go off to another sport. That can never be healthy for a game.

The interest generated by the tournament was astonishing. The crowds were excellent and, apart from a few incidents, the discipline shown on the field by the players was of a similarly high standard, especially having regard to the fact that it is such a highly physical game.

I feel that there is going to be an enormous responsibility on the clubs to cater for the youngsters who are, and will be, the product of this explosion of interest. The schools cannot do it anymore, so the onus falls on clubs: whether they can cope I do not know, because finding the unpaid administrators to put in so much time is also increasingly difficult. Enormous numbers of people are going to be needed to cope with this interest. Yet the game must nurture these newcomers from the next generation for that is where its future lies.

I hope that the lessons learned from this tournament will benefit the next one. It is my wish, too, that the smaller nations struggling for a foothold will be given generous assistance. But, ultimately, the World Cup is only one aspect of the rugby union game and I do not really wish to see it becoming the great god to the detriment of all other things.

On the subject of television, I feel, as I said last week, that ITV has set a standard with its coverage. I would like to see the BBC jazzing up its own coverage now as they take on the mantle, once again, of presenting the game. Television has an enormous part to play in promoting the sport on an ongoing basis. For example, many people in this country know more about American football than rugby only because televison has explained it so carefully and effectively.

For myself, I am back down to earth with a massive bang. A simple shopping trip with your wife and child is the best path back to reality. And, personally speaking, I am happy to be here.

☐ *Interview by Peter Bills*

TOMORROW
The view from Australia and New Zealand

DES JENSON

The way forward: clubs must cater for the explosion of interest as a result of the World Cup

Plans for tournament featuring overseas players dismissed as gimmick

Board to tackle delicate issues

By DAVID HANDS

AMID the frothy euphoria of the World Cup, the deliberations of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) in London this week will appear as somewhat flat beer. The interim meeting, which concludes today, has, though, an historic significance since it is the first attended by the four new council members — from Argentina, Canada, Italy and Japan.

They will be able to contribute to debates of some significance since the agenda this week has included revision of the laws and an exchange of information on the various money-making schemes involving players from affiliated countries.

The latter include the England squad's promotional campaign, which received the approval of the Rugby Football Union (RFU) but was rejected by the other three home unions and, in consequence, was referred to the IRFB. A firm decision on the scheme, estimated to be worth between £5,000 and £10,000 to each squad member, would be welcomed by the players, some of whom may not appear for their country again.

In the wake of the World Cup, which has given the opportunity for players from 16 countries to mingle and discuss ad lib commercial conditions in their respective unions, it is high time firm control was taken by the game's administrators as to what remuneration players can legitimately accept.

The laws, too, have come under scrutiny during the tournament and the IRFB will consider the various submissions, many related to speeding up the game. For example, Australia are keen to permit quick throw-ins, so long as no extra ground is stolen: they would outlaw the dummy by the scrum half from set scrums but in that respect they are opposed by England.

The RFU considers it an extension of the dummy in loose play and that it is beneficial in stopping flank forwards coming offside. It also opposes a change to the scoring values, a subject on which Michael Lynagh, the world's leading points scorer, contributed last week.

"I think they should increase the value of a try to five points and reduce penalties inside the 22 to two points," Lynagh, the Australian stand-off half, said. "If that happened, I'm sure it would produce a more attractive game."

Drop kicks, instead of place kicks, as a way of restarting might also find favour, since it would do away with the custom of waiting for a sand-carrying ball-boy running on to create a tee for the kicker. Bob Dwyer, Australia's coach, expects limitations to be placed on the high kick, both because of the excessive dependence on it by so many teams and the safety aspect as far as the catcher is concerned. Serge Blanco, France's full back who received more than his share of attention from England last month under the garryowen, would doubtless concur.

South Africa treads warily on path to international return

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH Africa will edge cautiously closer to readmission to international rugby at a meeting at the African National Congress headquarters in Johannesburg on November 14. For the meantime, their representatives resolutely fend off all invitations to host tours, or tour themselves, of which there have been many during the international merry-go-round of the World Cup.

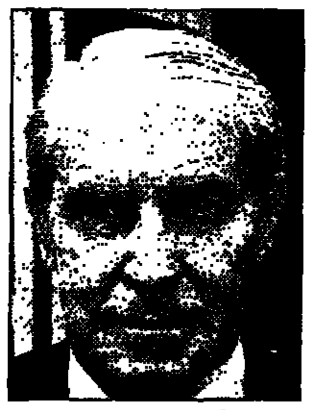
The steering committee which is working towards a unified governing body for the sport will meet Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader, who is keen to "put the rugby train back on the tracks", Arrie Oberholzer, the new general manager of the South African Rugby Board (Sarb), said in London yesterday.

"Mr Mandela said in no uncertain terms he thought we should get back into the fold internationally," Oberholzer, who succeeds Alex Kellerman, the board's manager for 23 years, added. One stumbling block has been a dispute in Western Province, where there are five unions affiliated to the South African Rugby Union (Saru) but only the single province affiliated to the Sarb.

It was believed a 5-1 representation on the new unified body would be disproportionate, but Oberholzer said he understood that the five Saru unions had agreed to an equal dispensation. "We are looking at an interim arrangement of two years where the two executives [Sarb and Saru] act jointly for the good of rugby. After two years the democratic process takes over."

Oberholzer and Steve Strydom, president of the Orange Free State, shrugged off as a "gimmick" suggestions made this week of a four-team tournament in Pretoria next May organised by Naas Botha, the former Springbok stand-off half and captain. It would be difficult to fit it into the domestic programme, Strydom said, and added: "Unity now is paramount in anything we do. Everyone wants to tour but we say to them all 'Hang on, we must put our own house in order'."

Botha's plans, said to involve players from England, New Zealand and Australia, will be investigated while an invitation to participate in the Student World Cup in Italy in July — in which South Africa have been drawn in the same group as England — cannot be officially accepted until unity is achieved.


Oberholzer: cautions

Both men admitted there was considerable pressure from players and the public in South Africa to achieve unification, but Oberholzer said: "It must be properly structured. It's something we are trying to do for posterity. We have to be very careful not to risk our re-entry. If you prostitute your international scenario, the game suffers at other levels, provincial and club."

South Africa is one of four countries which have applied to host the 1995 World Cup, and they are not far from the thoughts of the new world champions, Australia. Michael Lynagh, the Wallabies stand-off half, said when the rump of the party arrived home in Sydney yesterday to an enthusiastic welcome that the next challenge could be the Springboks.

"We all know they are formidable opposition and we'll look forward to playing them," Lynagh said. Indeed, the possibility of four matches in South Africa next autumn, en route to Ireland and Wales, could be the lure to keep such players as Nick Farr-Jones and Simon Poidevin involved in international rugby.

The same applies to the younger men, such as Tim Horan and Jason Little, the centres who have long been the target of Sydney rugby league clubs. "I think I'll be playing rugby union next year," Little said, while Horan added: "There are so many places to see and people to meet, I've realised with this tournament."

Australia line up their next target

Sydney — A small but vocal crowd yesterday greeted a tired 13-man Australian contingent bearing the Webb Ellis Cup as it arrived on an early morning flight at the airport.

The vice-captain, Michael Lynagh, said the Australian's 12-6 victory over England in the World Cup final at Twickenham last Saturday was the culmination of a two-year dream.

Lynagh said the next challenge for Australia would be to take on South Africa, if the two country's rugby bodies could merge into a multi-racial administration.

"We all know they are formidable opposition and we'll look forward to playing them," he said.

Should the Springboks be readmitted to world rugby, the Wallabies are expected to play one test in South Africa en route to an extensive tour of Wales and Ireland in October next year. Australia also face New Zealand and Scotland in a demanding 1992 programme.

The remaining members of the Australian squad are due home in the next few days. The Wallabies are to be feted next week with a ticker-tape parade through the streets of Sydney. *(AFP)*

☐ Matthew McCarthy, the Wales under-21 stand-off half, will have to remain an Aberavon player until he gives the club more details as to why he wants to move to Neath, the Heineken League champions.

David Owen, the Aberavon team secretary, said: "We will not grant a transfer until McCarthy comes to see us. If the Welsh Rugby Union want to over-rule us and force his transfer through, so be it."

Aberavon, who lost Graham Evans, a flanker, to Neath at the end of last season, are angry over the pressure being put on their leading players.

"McCarthy gave brief details of why he wants to leave in the letter accompanying his transfer request but we want to know a lot more," Owen added.

Barbarians pick Blanco and Campese

By DAVID HANDS
AND PETER BILLS

THE Barbarians hope to bring together arguably the two most charismatic players of the generation for their Christmas fixture against Leicester, Serge Blanco and David Campese.

Blanco, the French full back who retired from international rugby after the World Cup defeat by England, and Campese, the Australian wing, have been invited to play in the annual match at Welford Road on December 27. It would be the first match in which the two have played together.

Blanco, in his foreword to Campese's recently-published autobiography *On a Wing and a Prayer*, wrote: "I am proud to have played against David and have only one regret — that we have not had the opportunity to share our enjoyment of the game wearing the same jersey."

Campese, who is in Milan, said yesterday: "If Serge is there, I shall be too. I can think of nothing better than playing in the same team as him. He is a great player and a great bloke. I have never played with him and it would be a unique chance, something I would love to do."

The Australian is to take a six-month break from the international game. He will resume club rugby for the Italian champion club, Amatori Mediolanum, the weekend after next. "I feel tired after the intensity of the World Cup and it is good to have come over here away from the limelight," he said. "The World Cup was fantastic for Australian rugby but the players felt drained on Saturday night."

The Barbarians meet Newport at Rodney Parade this evening with injury and business commitments having deprived them of the likes of Andrew Harriman and Robert Jones. Their XV has five internationals, including David Pears, the Harlequins stand-off half, who sat on the England replacements bench throughout the World Cup.

The trustees of Major R. V. Stanley have also been forced to revise their team for the annual encounter with Oxford University, at Iffley Road this afternoon. Two distinguished New Zealanders, Grant Fox and Wayne Shelford, have withdrawn, but two members of the United States World Cup squad, Gary Hein, a member of the winning Oxford side last December, and Bill Leversee, have been included.

Oxford come into the game with a record this term of four wins, and three defeats — including against Leicester and Llanelli. Jan Durand, last season's stand-off half, is injured, so Ashley Tapper moves from centre and will play opposite a former Blue, Stuart Barnes.

MAJOR R. V. STANLEY'S XV (v Oxford University): P Jorgensen (London Welsh); G Hein (Old Blues and US), T Clemens (Paris University Club), D Evans (Cardiff and Wales), B Gilbert (UCD and Sydney University); S Barnes (Bath and England), D Kirk (Kew Occasionals and New Zealand). A Williams (London Welsh), G Lewys-Lloyd (Durham University), B Fennell (Durham University), G Taylor (London Irish), S Wensley (Kobe Steel), W Leversee (OMBAC and US), C Lion-Cachet (University of Cape Town), T Livingstone (Nottingham).

BARBARIANS (v Newport): I Hunter (Northampton); J Eagle (Harlequins), F Clough (Wasps and England), R Maclean (Moseley), L Renwick (London Scottish and Scotland); D Pears (Harlequins and England), R Moon (Rosslyn Park); M Linnett (Moseley and England), G Dawe (Bath and England), R Lee (Bath), M Egan (London Irish), S Dear (Rosslyn Park), A Macdonald (Heriot's FP), I Jones (Llanelli), P Shillingford (Moseley).

☐ Scott Gibbs is staying with Neath, the Heineken League champions, and not moving to Llanelli. Last week, it seemed certain Gibbs, aged 20, a centre, would make the switch to Stradey Park, but some persuasive talking from the management at The Gnoll, and the recruitment of the Aberavon outside half, Matthew McCarthy, tipped the scales.

OVERSEAS CRICKET

Matthews fined for dissent at an umpire's decision

By SIMON WILDE

GREG Matthews, the Australian Test all-rounder, has been fined Aus$500 (about £225) by the Australian Cricket Board (ACB) for unseemly on-field behaviour during the opening round of Sheffield Shield matches last weekend.

Matthews was reported by the umpires after an incident on the first day of the match between New South Wales, for whom he was playing, and Western Australia in Perth. Matthews showed his disappointment when umpire Peter McConnell turned down an appeal for a catch off his bowling. Peter Dunn, the ACB's commissioner, said Matthews had reacted in an "obviously provocative and disapproving manner".

Before the season began, the ACB warned that its code of conduct would be strictly enforced. There have been allegations in recent seasons that Australia's opponents were being subjected to racist taunts, although the charges were denied by Allan Border, the Australian captain.

Matthews, aged 31, has had several run-ins with authority during his career and, this being his second offence under the code of conduct, consideration was given to imposing a suspension. Matthews was fined Aus$1,000 for an off-field misdemeanour in Sharjah in March 1987, an incident that was partly responsible for him not playing Test cricket again until November 1990.

With the first Test against India only three weeks away, Australia's middle-order batsmen began the season in ominously good form. Border recorded his highest score for Queensland (196 against South Australia) while Dean Jones equalled his best for Victoria (an unbeaten 243 against Tasmania). Border's hundred was his first for two years. There were also centuries for Steve and Mark Waugh for New South Wales in the game at Perth.

Despite totalling 588 for five declared, Queensland were hard pushed to take first-innings points from South Australia (554) at Brisbane, the venue for the first Test. The game produced 1,381 runs for only 21 wickets. For Queensland, Matthew Hayden struck 149 on his first-class debut.

In Toronto, Viv Richards made an inauspicious start to his semi-retirement. For a Rest of the World XI against his former West Indian team-mates, he made a diffident 23 and was struck for 33 from 2.4 overs as his side was beaten by four wickets.

Ian Botham and Richard Illingworth will be missing when England's winter tour party, which leaves on December 27, begins its preparations at fitness centres in London and Lilleshall next week. The pair, who do not join the tour of New Zealand until January 20, will embark on their own training programmes three weeks later.

HOCKEY

Protest fails to halt Dereham

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

DEREHAM survived a protest by Ford to reach the third round of the Hockey Association Cup, in which they have earned a home match against Indian Gymkhana on November 17.

Sunday's second-round match between Dereham and Ford was brought to a halt by a violent storm three minutes before the end, with Dereham leading 4-2. The umpires ordered the game to be resumed, but while Dereham returned to the field, Ford did not and lodged a protest after the match had been awarded to their opponents. The competition committee decided yesterday that the result of the match should stand.

The teams who survived the second round have been joined in an open draw by the 36 Pizza Express National League clubs.

THIRD ROUND DRAW: Anchorians v Harleston Magpies; Barford Tigers v Hounslow; Beeston v Formby; Bloxwich v Jersey; Bournville v Walton; Bridgnorth v High Wycombe; Bromley v Alderley Edge; Camberley v Ipswich; Cambridge City v Havant; Cannock v Old Kingstonians; Chelmsford v Coventry and North Warwickshire; Colchester v Bournemouth; Dereham v Indian Gymkhana; Doncaster v Swalwell; East Grinstead v Hightown Northern; Fareham v Richmond; Firebrands v Stourport; Gore Court v Blackheath; Guildford v Slough; Hampstead and Westminster v Peterborough Town; Marlow v Bream; Neston v Cheltenham; Old Loughtonians v Harborne; Reading v Plymouth; St Albans v Lyons; Southgate v Brooklands; Surbiton v Chichester; Teddington v John Player; Wakefield v Isca; Warrington v Sheffield; Westbury v Trojans; Wimbledon v Canterbury.

Brown returns to lead Slough scoring spree

By ALIX RAMSAY

GREAT Britain's travel-weary women returned to the fray in the Typhoo National League on Saturday, after their exploits in the Olympic qualifying tournament in New Zealand.

Karen Brown celebrated her newly-won ticket to Barcelona by scoring three goals for the league champions, **Slough**, as they overwhelmed **Sherwood**, the first-division newcomers, 7-0. Sherwood are without a point from three games, having conceded 17 goals.

Sutton Coldfield secured their place at the top of the table with a 7-0 win over lowly **Wimbledon**. The Midlands team decided to rest their returning international players for the first half and yet still managed to rack up six goals. Lisa Bayliss and Jane Sixsmith were added to the line-up after the break, and Bayliss converted a short corner.

Jet lag hindered the performances of other internationals. Sandie Lister and Vickey Dixon both looked out of sorts as **Ipswich** struggled to a dull 1-1 draw with **Chelmsford**. Most of the action came from the umpire, who handed out five cards.

Ealing continued their run of success, putting three goals past Val Hallam, the Great Britain and **Doncaster** goalkeeper, to take them to third place.

The new second division got under way with the former first division side, **Exmouth**, showing what experience can do as they beat **Bradford** 2-0, with goals from Jill Whitehead and Alison Bond. They and **Pickwick**, who beat **Liverpool** 2-0, were the only teams to register a win on an uneventful first day.

ICE SKATING

Title is sealed in style

By JOHN HENNESSY

EMMA Warmington, urged on by a distinguished Sunderland stable-companion in Joanne Conway, succeeded handsomely to the British junior (under-18) championship at Hull yesterday.

If there had been any doubt about her victory, after she won Monday's original section, it would have been resolved by a clean, precise triple salchow, the only triple accomplished by the 15 competitors. The one other attempt went disastrously awry.

Warmington, aged 15, presented a complete programme and was sure-footed in everything she did.

She achieved, also, two splendid double axels, the second placed daringly right at the end of her routine but causing no alarm to her coach, Debi Monte. Her regime of skating the free programme twice in training had insulated her from the possibility of running out of steam.

RESULTS: Junior women: Freeskating: 1, E Warmington (Sunderland), 1.0pts; 2, S Main (Livingstone), 2.0; 3, L Bishop (Romford), 3.0; 4, J Spiten (Queens), 4.0; 5, S Coulson (Whitley Bay), 5.0; 6, E Rogers (Bracknell), 6.0. Final: 1, Warmington, 1.5; 2, Main, 3.0; 3, Bishop, 4.5; 4, Rogers, 8.0; 5, Spited, 8.0; 6, S Brook (Nottingham), 8.5. Pairs: Freeskating: 1, V Pearce and C Shorten (Queens), 1.0; 2, E Reed and P Reed (Durham), 2.0; 3, Z Jones and D Ings (Swindon), 3.0; 4, E Crook and D Heywood (Oxford), 4.0; 5, J Arrowsmith and A Garlick (Swindon), 5.0; 6, C Clements and J Pearce (Queens), 6.0. Final: 1, Pearce and Shorten, 1.5; 2, Reed and Reed, 3.0; 3, Jones and Ings, 4.5; 4, Crook and Heywood, 6.0; 5, Clements and Pearce, 8.5; 6, Arrowsmith and Garlick, 9.0. Leading positions after original programme: Women 1, J Conway (Sunderland), 0.5 pts; 2, S Otterson (Kyle), 1.0; 3, J Soames (Queens), 1.5; 4, C Von Saher (Queens), 2.0; 5, H Preece (Solihull), 2.5; 6, A Law (Deeside), 3.0. Men: 1, J Macrae (Kyle), 0.5pts; 2, S Cousins (Deeside), 1.0; 3, S Briggs (Oxford), 1.5; 4, J Beeston (Solihull), 2.0; 5, A Doran (Deeside), 2.5; 6, A Fletcher (Nottingham), 3.0. Pairs: 1, K Pritchard and S Briggs (Ashfield), 0.5 pts; 2, C Peake and A Naylor (Solihull), 1.0; 3, V Pearce and C Shorten (Queens), 1.5; 4, C Barker and M Aldred (Milton Keynes), 2.0; 5, H Williams and J Jenkins (Oxford), 2.5.

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FOOTBALL

United have great faith in Robson's dedication

By Clive White

MANCHESTER United will be hoping tonight that Bryan Robson's decision to retire from international football to devote his energies exclusively to the cause of his club will fire them to the greatest comeback in their European history.

If the Cup Winners' Cup holders are to preserve any hope of retaining their trophy, they must do what no other United side has done since the Old Trafford club first entered European competition in 1956-7. That is, to overturn a three-goal deficit.

Those isolated moments of indiscipline in the United defence during the closing stages of the first leg in Madrid, naturally have made Atlético strong favourites to progress to the quarter-finals at United's expense. But their own nerve and discipline will need to be as firm as the rock of Gibraltar if they are to withstand the battering which United have promised them.

Alex Ferguson, the United manager, is hoping that Robson's special brand of commitment will be an example. "He will be so fired up," Fergsuon said. "He could be the big bonus for us. Sometimes you get help from other sources. The announcement regarding his England future was the boost everyone needed."

With United struggling to find seven fit Englishmen to supplement their healthy quartet of "foreigners", they can do with all the help they can get. Ince and Pallister will be fortunate if their injuries enable them to hobble up to take a place on the substitute's bench, while Irwin is definitely ruled out.

The silver lining among Manchester's grey clouds could come in the shape of Robins, the young forward, who made a name for himself two years ago in United's FA Cup campaign but has since faded out of view. Had it not been for his club's injury problems, he might not now have the opportunity to provide them with the additional firepower they sorely need.

On his return to the United first team last week against Portsmouth in a Rumbelows Cup tie, he scored twice after coming on at half-time. His predatory instinct is such that Ferguson remarked: "If we get chances in the box, I hope they all fall to him. He'll take 50 per cent of them, I'm sure of that."

Since all-out attack is the order of the night, Ferguson confirmed that Schmeichel, his Danish goalkeeper, would be sacrificed so that four outfield "foreigners" with the ability to score goals could be selected. Consequently, Walsh, the young goalkeeper who gained a regular place until a combination of injuries put him out of the game for two years, will make his first appearance of the season.

Ferguson stressed that this was his only reason for leaving out Schmeichel, who was at fault with one, if not two of the goals in Madrid. The United manager launched his own attack on the media, whom he said made a habit of "crucifying" goalkeepers at Old Trafford. "The one or two mistakes that Schmeichel has made have been due to impetuosity. He comes for balls that no other goalkeeper in the world can get. He's the best in Europe."

The team virtually picks itself with the exception of one position about which Ferguson admitted that he is still undecided. He hinted, however, that in the choice between Giggs, the prodigious young Welsh talent, and Kanchelskis, the Ukranian, he was likely to give the nod to the former when he said: "I've got to look at goal-scoring potential rather more than balance and experience."

MANCHESTER UNITED (probable): G Walsh, M Phelan, P Parker, S Bruce, C Blackmore, B McClair, N Webb, B Robson, R Giggs, M Hughes, M Robins.
ATLETICO MADRID (probable): Abel, Juanito, Thomas, Ferreira, Soler, Solozabal, Vizcaino, Schuster, Moya, Manolo, Futre.

TIM BISHOP

Pause for thought: Andy Roxburgh (above, left) and Graham Taylor (right), the managers of Scotland and England, teamed up with Terry Yorath, their Welsh counterpart, at the launch of yesterday's sponsorship deal announced by Coca-Cola Great Britain. The brand is to be the official soft drink of the national squads.

Neither the sponsors nor the respective football associations would reveal the duration of the separate contracts or the money involved but it is believed that they will last until after the 1994 World Cup. Wales, especially, are grateful. "Since the break-up of the home international championship seven years ago," Yorath said, "this is the closest I've ever been to the managers of England and Scotland."

York put Ward in charge

JOHN Ward, coach to the England B and Under-21 teams, is to be the new manager of York City, the struggling fourth division club, in succession to John Bird, who was dismissed last month.

Ward, aged 40, was assistant to Graham Taylor, the England manager, at both Watford and Aston Villa. He will have money to spend, for the club received £350,000 as their share of the £1.8 million transfer fee when their former player, Marco Gabbiadini, went from Sunderland to Crystal Palace.

☐ Justin Fashanu, released after a week's trial with Newcastle United, has joined Leatherhead, who play in the second division of the Diadora League.

☐ The injured Manchester United full back, Denis Irwin, has been withdrawn from the Republic of Ireland squad for next week's game against Turkey.

☐ Two Non-League clubs, Runcorn and Emley, have been forced to surrender ground advantage for their FA Cup first round ties against Tranmere and Bolton Wanderers following police objections.

☐ The Aston Villa right back, Dariusz Kubicki, is one of two players dropped by Poland for the game against England next week, following last month's 3-3 draw with the Republic of Ireland. Also out is Janusz Nawrocki and the uncapped Roman Szewczyk and Tomasz Waldoch have been brought in.

POLAND SQUAD: J Wandzik, J Bako, K Sidorczuk; D Wdowczyk, P Soczynski, R Szewczyk, T Waldoch, A Lesiak, R Tarasiewicz, R Warzycha, P Czachowski, D Skrzypczak, A Fedoruk, J Urban, R Kosecki, J Ziober, J Furtok, W Kowalczyk

Liverpool face a goal quest

By Ian Ross

AT A time when the club's senior team is arguably at its weakest for more than a decade, Liverpool will be required to create a small, but significant, piece of history tonight if their long-anticipated return to Europe is not to end in an early elimination from the Uefa Cup.

In 27 years of European involvement, no Liverpool side has overturned a first-leg deficit of two goals at Anfield. The omens are not good for the match with Auxerre, injury problems having reduced Liverpool to a level back among the pack on the domestic front.

Graeme Souness, the Liverpool manager, was in suitably defiant mood yesterday, insisting that it was inconceivable that his team could perform as poorly as they did in France a fortnight ago. "On that occasion, we played the worst football since I returned to the club," he said.

Souness will delay announcing his starting line-up until shortly before kick-off but Rush and Grobbelaar will fill two of the four berths open to non-national players. Souness, though, will not risk Steve Nicol, the defender, who injured a hamstring in the first leg.

With goals a priority, it seems probable that Saunders will be included, leaving Houghton, Molby and Hysen disputing the final vacancy. "It is a case of finding the right balance because, while we must get goals, we must also be secure in defence," Souness said.

With the tie being broadcast live on television, an attendance of about 25,000 is forecast, a disappointing figure considering the club's average gate of 35,000 for League games.

Guy Roux, the Auxerre coach, who was at Anfield on Saturday to witness Liverpool's first home defeat of the season, saw nothing to alarm him.

"I wanted to sample the special atmosphere of what is a famous footballing stadium," he said. "After what I saw, I feel no great sense of fear."

Roux's confidence is undiminished despite the sort of selection dilemma which his opposite number has encountered on an almost weekly basis since August. Ferreri, the influential midfield player, who scored in the first leg, is doubtful because of injury, while Prunier, the captain, is unavailable because of suspension.

LIVERPOOL (from): B Grobbelaar, R Holcroft, G Ablett, D Burrows, N Tanner, S Harkness, G Hysen, J Molby, R Houghton, M Marsh, M Walters, I Rush, D Saunders, S McManaman, J Redknapp, D Hutchison, B Jones.

Illness could hamper Tottenham's cause

By Peter Ball

TOTTENHAM Hotspur arrived in Oporto last night with doubts about fitness and fears about the opposition's ability to influence the referee.

Peter Shreeves is concerned about the fitness of Samways, Sedgley, Stewart and Durie. The first three did light training yesterday morning before the team left, and the manager expects them all to be available.

Durie, who has a throat infection and did not train yesterday, is more doubtful. His loss would also be the most serious, not only as a potential source of an important away goal, but "as just an excellent player who is also a very good defender for the team", Shreeves said.

Shreeves's other worry is the deportment of the Porto players and the vulnerability of referees in front of volatile crowds.

Shreeves said that in last weekend's match between Porto and Benfica, two Porto players were booked for trying to gain free kicks in and around the box. "I am very pleased that we have a Danish referee on Thursday who I hope will see it in the same way," he said.

There were suspicions that one or two of the Portuguese players were not above a bit of play-acting in the first leg at White Hart Lane, although the injury to Kostadinov, the Bulgarian forward, was undoubtedly genuine.

Shreeves has told his players to "keep on their feet and not fly into rash tackles".

Upton Park gets European feel

THOSE who like their football with a continental flavour could do worse than turn up for a second division match at Upton Park tonight. Charlton Athletic, who are sharing the home of West Ham United, are the only side in the League to adopt the European habit of having two managers, while Swindon Town play with a distinctly European style.

For someone who had always maintained he did not want to be a manager, Glenn Hoddle is making a good job of it in Wiltshire. He has clearly been heavily influenced by playing in France, for Monaco, as is evidenced by Swindon's sweeper system and over-lapping full-backs.

While the success of Hoddle has surprised those who said he would never make a manager, the Swindon players have been startled by his new role as a disciplinarian.

Similarly those followers of Charlton Athletic who dismissed the appointment of Alan Curbishley and Steve Gritt as player-managers, when Lennie Lawrence left for Middlesbrough, as a cost-cutting ploy, have been astounded to see Charlton jockeying for position in the promotion race.

As Swindon press their claims for a Premier League place next season, Newcastle United, the club of their former manager, Osvaldo Ardiles, are more concerned with the third division. They can take another step away from dropping into it, for the first time, by beating Cambridge United at St James's Park. In a classic contrast of styles Ardiles's passing football, based on his beloved diamond formation, will be severly tested by Cambridge's direct, long-ball propelled, power game which has earned them promotion in the last two seasons.

Derby County may have lost Mark Wright to Liverpool for £2 million during the summer, but thanks to the purchase of Andy Comyn, from Aston Villa, and Simon Coleman, from Middlesbrough, for just over £500,000, they boast one of the tightest defences in the second division. But Derby's principal problem could be in unhinging the Vale rearguard.

Having sold Dean Saunders to Liverpool and Mick Harford to Luton Town, Derby are lacking in the central attacking department with the result that too many crosses from the rejuvenated Tedd McMinn are going to waste.

Watford and Oxford United — who meet at Vicarage Road — are linked by the more modest ambition of staying in the second division, while Brighton — at home to Grimsby Town — too, could do with starting to collect a few more points.

GOLF

McEvoy to fight professional tide as captain

By Chris Moore

PETER McEvoy, the most-capped amateur player, has accepted an invitation to take over as captain of England.

McEvoy, twice the British champion, will succeed Mike Kelly for a four-year term, with the ambition of captaining the Great Britain and Ireland Walker Cup team.

"The England captaincy is something I have always wanted to do," McEvoy said. "I'll be setting off to try and win every game. But because of the constant changeover of players caused by the annual loss to the professional ranks, which seems to affect England more than Scotland and Ireland, I'm under no illusions."

McEvoy admits that one of his aims will be to introduce "an element of realism" into the question of turning professional. "I simply can't believe how terribly naive the vast majority of these budding young professionals are today," he said.

"There obviously isn't enough room for all of them on the European Tour. But there's a sufficient degree of self-delusion around for everyone to think they are going to be the ones to make it. "It was always a great idea for Nick Faldo to turn pro, and that will always be the case for those players with the genuine potential.

"But the vast majority are real no-hopers who are destined to get lost in the game and fade away. They spend two years finding out they cannot get to play in any of the tournaments and then they never come back.

"We are talking about a vast army of people out there who would have something to contribute to amateur golf, county golf, or whatever level they are good enough to play in."

McEvoy, who has won 103 of his 151 appearances for his country, has yet to decide whether to prolong his own international career. "I have the option of being England's playing or non-playing captain," he said. "It's up to me to decide and I'll be wintering on it.

"If I am to consider playing myself, it means it is going to take up even more of my time. Having said that, it could be argued that if I am going to go to the events anyway, I might as well play in them."

RUGBY LEAGUE

Matthews capped after a rapid rise

By Keith Macklin

THE emergence of Michael Jackson, from a third-division forward with Hunslet to a fully fledged international within a space of five weeks, will be completed when he plays for Great Britain against Papua New Guinea in the World Cup-rated British Coal international at Wigan on Saturday.

Jackson, who joined first division Wakefield Trinity earlier this season, clinched his place with two solo tries for his new club against the first division leaders St Helens on Sunday.

Ellery Hanley is named as captain of the side despite the fact that he is still an extremely doubtful starter, having missed the last two games with Leeds with a troublesome shoulder injury. If Hanley fails a fitness test tomorrow the side will be led by another Leeds player, Garry Schofield, from stand-off half.

GREAT BRITAIN: S Hampson (Wigan); P Newlove (Featherstone Rovers), D Powell (Sheffield Eagles), J Davies (Widnes), A Sullivan (St Helens); G Schofield (Leeds), S Edwards (Wigan); K Skerrett (Wigan), M Dermott (Wigan), A Platt (Wigan), D Betts (Wigan), M Jackson (Wakefield Trinity), E Hanley (Leeds, captain). Substitutes: D Fox (Featherstone), P Moriarty (Widnes), G Connolly (St Helens), K Harrison (Halifax). Reserves: K Ellis (Warrington), K Fairbank (Bradford Northern).

BRIDGE

Smoking ban is good for British team

FINAL trials in Birmingham for the home international Camrose Trophy series are shaping up well for the English selectors, for two reasons (Albert Dormer writes). First, because the pre-tournament favourites, captained by Bary Rigal, who hopefully may include mainstream international material, are ahead at the half-way stage.

The second reason may not be so obvious, even to the selectors. According to proposals still under wraps, the World Bridge Federation may bring in smoking restrictions for next year's Olympiad, in Italy. In a game where many leading competitors live on their nerves, this could adversely affect teams that include smokers.

The good news for our selectors is that only one of the 24 competitors in the Birmingham trials is a smoker.

LEADING SCORES: 1, Rigal, Czerniewski, Fleet, Lodge 88 victory points, 2, McNair, Rees, Horsley, Kay 85, 3, Banks, Egington, Ewart, Holland 76, 4, Horton, Winton, Crook, Stevens 72

TABLE TENNIS

Draw poses problems for England

ENGLAND have drawn Sweden, the world champions, in the World Team Cup, is to be played in a fortnight's time in the arena for the 1992 Olympics, the Estacio del Nord, in Barcelona (Richard Eaton writes).

It was in the same event a year ago in Japan that Chen Xinhua, the former World Cup winner from China, made his highly successful debut for England, but it may prove harder this time to get a large share of the $155,000 (about £90,000) prize-money, which makes it the richest event in the world.

Germany, another powerful team, are also in England's group, which will make it difficult to become one of the two teams to qualify for the quarter-finals. A tough task also awaits the England women, playing in the tournament for the first time because Romania have dropped out. They have in their group North Korea, the second seeds, and Hungary, the European League champions.

IN BRIEF

Cyclists invited

BRITISH cyclists will receive important warm-weather preparation for the Olympic Games when a full British track team tours South Africa for several weeks around March.

John Charlesworth, Matthew Illingworth and Gary Speight have received sponsorship to remain in South Africa for three months. Charlesworth last Saturday finished sixth and leading amateur in the 840-mile Rapport Tour there.

☐ Gianni Bugno, of Italy, the world champion, finished 1991 as world No. 1.

GOLF: Corey Pavin was named PGA Player of the Year yesterday, by a narrow margin from Fred Couples.

☐ Alison Nicholas, of Yorkshire, is the first winner of the Vivien Saunders Trophy for the lowest stroke average (71.71) on the women's European Tour.

OLYMPIC GAMES: The Sports Aid Foundation will give a record £674,000 grant to Britain's Olympic competitors.

COACHING: Tom Cartwright, the former England cricketer, received a special award for his services to coaching, in the 1991 Lloyds Bank Welsh Coach of the Year ceremony yesterday.

OTHER WINNERS: Allan Lewis (rugby union, male team coach), Gary Rosser (swimming, male coach of individual performers) Janet Bevan (gymnastics, female coach of individual performers), Cliff Harvey (fly fishing; junior coach), Jackie Williams (schoolteacher coach), and Peter Gonn (for work with disabled).

JUDO: Kerrith Brown, previously an automatic selection for the Olympics, lost to Ryan Birch, of Hull, in the light-middleweight final of the American Open.

FOR THE RECORD

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Philadelphia Eagles 30, New York Giants 7.

BADMINTON

ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND INTER-COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: First division (south): Hertfordshire 10, Essex 5; Surrey 9, Devon 6.

CYCLING

GRENOBLE: Six-day race (after five days): 1, S Roche (Ire) and A Doyle (GB), 28pts, 2, one lap behind, J-C Colotti and P Tarantini (Fr), 59; 3, G Duclos-Lassalle and P Louviot (Fr), 67; 4, L Fignon and L Biondi (Fr), 58. Women's 3km indoor: 1, J Longo (Fr), 3min 41.290sec (world record).

FOOTBALL

UEFA CUP: Second round, second leg: Bayern Munich 1, BK 1903 Copenhagen 0 (agg: 3-8).
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Chelsea 1, Ipswich 2; Swindon 1, Watford 3; West Ham 3, Oxford Utd 0
Late results on Monday
GM VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Kidderminster 1, Altrincham 0; Northwich Victoria 3, Runcorn 0.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Crystal Palace 0, Arsenal 0.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bradford 0, Aston Villa 1. Second division: Grimsby 3, Preston North End 1.
FA CUP: Fourth qualifying round: Replay: Windsor and Eton 1, Merthyr Tydfil 0 (Windsor home to Woking) Second replay: Chorley 0, Emley 1 (Emley home to Bolton).
DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton 5, Bromley 1. Second division: Ruislip Manor 1, Purfleet 4
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hyde 7, Fleetwood 0; Matlock 3, Droylsden 2. First division: Rossendale United 0, Netherfield 1; Workington 5, Lancaster City 1. Cup: Curzon Ashton 2, Irlam Town 1; Guiseley 2, Radcliffe Borough 2
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Barclays Commercial Services Challenge Cup: First round, second leg: Barry Town 1, Newport AFC 2 (Barry Town win on aggregate 3-2); Bashley 0, Waterlooville 2 (agg 4-6); Fisher 1, Ashford Town 0 (agg 1-3); Worcester 1, Bromsgrove 4 (agg: 4-7).
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Clevedon Town 1, Keynsham Town 0; Taunton Town 1, Tiverton Town 0.
FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Sutton United 4, Wembley 3; Epsom and Ewell 2, Wycombe Wanderers 0.
SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: Chelsea 2, Millwall 0.
SCHOOLS MATCHES: ESFA British Gas Trophy: Third round: Kettering and Corby 2, South Bedfordshire 1, Mid-Cheshire 1, Coventry 0; Vale of White Horse 2, Gloucester and Forest 3
ENGLISH SCHOOLS ADIDAS UNDER-19 TROPHY: Hereford and Worcester 0, Cornwall 1

FENCING

ISTANBUL: World youth championships: Women's foil: 1, A Mohammed (Hun); 2, M Toth (Hun); 3, A Chayon (It), S Bauer (Ger). Men's foil: 1, R Donell (It); 2, R Bleadol (Ger); equal 3, T Becker (Ger), M Marsi (Hun). Women's épée: 1, O Ermakova (USSR); 2, A Kiraly (Hun); equal 3, E Knechtl (Austria), A Hormay (Hun). Men's épée: 1, A Kolachnikov (USSR); 2, L Shong (Can); equal 3, C Milan (Rom), D Lang (Switz). Sabre: 1, G Boros (Hun); 2, V Gutzait (USSR); equal 3, B Kovacs (Hun), G Sirovich (It)

GOLF

LA MANGA, Spain: Johnnie Walker European teams championship: First round: 136: Scotland (J Chillas 68, C Maltman 68) 137: Spain (M Blanco 68, E Rodriguez 69). 138: Germany (D Randolf 68, O Eckstein 70); Netherlands (J Woof 68, A Seddington 70). 141: Italy (R Campagnoli 72, G Merlatti 69), Finland (R Sorvavoo 71, M Foreman 70). 142: France (L Lassalle 70, E Giraud 72). 143: Belgium (C Morton 70, S Clough 73). 144: England (S Power 73, D Stokes 71). 145: Austria (O Gartenmaier 74, M Burger 71). 146: Denmark (N Willett 72, S Rohner 74); Switzerland (Y Aubersen 75, K Baradie 71); Norway (T Vollan 71, B Bremner 75)
SONY WORLD RANKINGS: 1, I Woosnam (GB), 17.07pts; 2, J-M Olazabal (Sp), 15.65; 3, N Faldo (GB), 15.87; 4, S Ballesteros (Sp), 13.61; 5, G Norman (Aus), 12.58; 6, P Stewart (US), 11.74; 7, F Couples (US), 11.03; 8, B Langer (Ger), 10.83; 9, P Azinger (US), 10.23; 10, R Davis (Aus), 8.93

HOCKEY

ERNST AND YOUNG LEAGUE
Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Leicester W'leigh	4	3	1	0	7	2	10
Coventry and NW	4	3	1	0	7	3	10
Olton and WW	4	3	0	1	6	3	9
Beeston	4	2	1	1	8	4	7
Edgbaston	4	1	2	1	8	5	5
Belper	4	1	2	1	5	4	5
Bridgnorth	4	1	0	3	3	6	3
Khalsa	4	1	0	3	7	11	3
Bloxwich	4	1	0	3	6	13	3
Nottingham	4	0	1	3	2	9	1

PERONI SOUTH LEAGUE
Premier division

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Fareham	4	4	0	0	14	2	12
Anchorians	4	4	0	0	16	5	12
Woking	4	4	0	0	10	2	12
Oxford Hawks	4	3	1	0	16	3	10
Staines	4	3	1	0	13	2	10
High Wycombe	4	3	0	1	10	3	9
Chichester	4	3	0	1	12	6	9
Old Tauntonians	4	2	1	1	8	7	7
Old Bordenians	4	2	0	2	4	9	6
Winchester	4	1	1	2	6	12	4
Ashford	4	1	1	2	2	8	4
Eastcote	4	1	0	3	8	8	3
Tunbridge Wells	4	1	0	3	4	12	3
Marden Russets	4	0	1	3	3	6	1
Worthing	4	0	1	3	2	11	1
O Midwhitgiftians	4	0	1	3	6	19	1
Camberley	4	0	0	4	1	8	0
Bognor	4	0	0	4	5	20	0

Tony Doyle: leading Grenoble six-day cycle race

RUGBY LEAGUE

REGAL TROPHY: Preliminary round: Leigh East 20, Chorley 10

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Montreal Canadiens 3, New Jersey Devils 2 (OT); New York Islanders 6, Boston Bruins 4; New York Rangers 4, Calgary Flames 0; Toronto Maple Leafs 4, San Jose Sharks 1.

JUDO

COLORADO SPRINGS: American Open (British results): Men: Light-middleweight: R Birch, gold; K Brown, silver; middle: D White, gold; light-heavy: S Cross, silver. Women: Bantam: K Briggs, gold; Feather: L Cusack, gold; light-heavy: R Sweatman, gold.

POWERBOATING

PENANG, Malaysia: World formula one inland circuit championship: 1, G Cappellini (It), 4.5 pts; 2, M Werner (Ger), 3; 3, P Eriksson (Swe), 1.5; 4, F Bocca (It), 1; 5, J Hill (GB), 0.5. Overall: 1, Werner, 23; 2, J Jones (GB), 18; 3, Eriksson, 17.5; 4, Cappellini, 13.5; 5, A Elliot (GB), 13; 6, J Hill (GB), 10.5

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCH: Gloucester 38, Cheltenham 3.

SQUASH RACKETS

KIEL, Germany: Open championship: First round: S Meads (Eng) bt M Maclean (Scot), 15-12, 15-13, 11-15, 15-10; B Beeson (Eng) bt P Carter (Eng), 13-15, 13-15, 16-13, 15-14, 15-10; R Norman (NZ) bt A Hill (Aus), 16-17, 15-8, 9-15, 15-10, 15-7; S Elopuro (Fin) bt J Waite (Can), 15-5, 15-10, 15-4

TENNIS

SAO PAULO: ATP tournament: First round: F Clavet (Sp) bt B Wuyts (Bel), 6-3, 6-4; D Marcelino (Br) bt L Herrera (Mex), 6-1, 4-6, 6-2; T Carbonell (Sp) bt P Haarhuis (Neth), 6-2, 6-4; G Lopez (Sp) bt R Azar (Arg), 7-6, 7-6; G Markus (Arg) bt P Baur (Ger), 6-4, 1-6, 6-4; A Gomez (Ec) bt M Koevermans (Neth), 6-1, 6-3; J Fleurian (Fr) bt S Matsuoka (Japan), 6-4, 6-2.
BRAMHALL: Texaco women's challenger tournament: First round: S Smith bt S Siddall, 6-0, 6-2; T Price (SA) bt H Rusch (Ger), 6-2, 6-3; G Coorengel (Neth) bt A Mueller (Ger), 6-4, 6-2; S Gerke (Ger) bt P Holubova (Cz), 6-2, 6-2; Z Malkova (Cz) bt A Popp (Ger) 7-6, 6-4; I Spirlea (Rom) bt N Housset (Fr), 6-1, 6-3; G Matic (Yug) bt V Davies, 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; D Monami (Bel) bt A Blumberga (USSR), 6-1, 4-6, 7-5; I Berger (Isr) bt L Laskova (Czech), 6-1, 6-2; E Callens (Bel) bt C Hall, 6-3, 6-2; L Golarsa (It) bt N Perez (Sp), 6-1, 7-5; A Zugasti (Fr) bt A Foldenyi (Hun), 6-4, 6-0; A Grunfeld bt K Hand, 4-0, ret; L Bacheva (Bul) bt H Sprung (Austria), 7-5, 6-4; M Maruska (Austria) bt K Ptaszek (Den), 7-5, 7-6.
NASHVILLE: Women's tournament: First round: E Brioukhovets (USSR) bt A Coetzer (SA), 6-3, 6-1; K Adams (US) bt P Langrova (Cz), 7-6, 7-6; L Savchenko (USSR) bt M Kidowaki (Japan), 6-2, 6-3; Y Basuki (Indo) bt E Smylie (Aus), 6-1, 6-1; C Tessi (Arg) bt D Faber (US), 1-6, 6-1, 7-6.
OAKLAND, California: Women's tournament: First round (US unless stated): A Frazier bt A Leand, 6-3, 6-3; G Fernandez (P Rico) bt P Nelson, 6-3, 6-3; L Harvey-Wild bt R Fairbank-Nideffer (SA), 2-6, 6-4, 6-3; T Whitlinger bt H Ludloff, 6-7, 7-6, 6-0; M Werdel bt P Hy (Can), 4-6, 6-3, 7-5; S Rehe bt G Magers, 6-4, 6-0.
MOSCOW: Kremlin Cup: Men's tournament: First round: A Volkov (USSR) bt D Nargiso (It), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; T Hogstedt (Swe) bt H Skoff (Austria), 6-3, 6-0; C Adams (US), bt L Koslowski (Ger), 6-3, 4-6, 6-4; M Rosset (Switz) bt S Soulie (Fr), 6-4, 6-3; J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt R Krajicek (Neth), 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; M Gorriz (Sp) bt Jan H Davids (Neth), 2-6, 6-4, 6-2; J Siemerink (Neth) bt E Jelen (Ger), 6-1, 6-4; D Poliakov (USSR) bt A Boetsch (Fr), 6-0, 4-1, ret.
ATP: Rankings: 1, S Edberg (Swe), 3,679pts; 2, J Courier (US), 3,010; 3, B Becker (Ger), 2,852; 4, M Stich (Ger), 2,675; 5, I Lendl (Cz), 2,465; 6, G Forget (Fr), 2,357; 7, P Sampras (US), 2,122; 8, A Agassi (US), 1,749; 9, P Korda (Cz), 1,600; 10, K Novacek (Cz), 1,599
WTA: Rankings: 1, M Seles (Yug), 2, S Graf (Ger), 3, G Sabatini (Arg), 4, M Navratilova (US); 5, A Sánchez Vicario (Sp); 6, J Capriati (US), 7, M Fernandez (US), 8, C Martinez (Sp); 9, J Novotna (Cz), 10, M Maleeva-Fragniere (Switz)

New members

THE Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania have been accepted as members of the International handball federation, the federation said yesterday. On Sunday, the three republics were readmitted to the International Yacht Racing Union.

SWIMMING

Fibbens lines up a busy programme

By Craig Lord

SELECTION for the first leg of the 1991-2 Fina World Cup fills the last available vacancy before the New Year in the punishing schedule of Mike Fibbens.

The freestyle sprinter from Barnet Copthall, ranked in the world's top five, heads a team of eight chosen to represent England at Montreal from November 29 to December 1. With prize-money of over $5,000, competition may be severe despite America's absence.

The Canadian event is one of six competitions Fibbens will use over the rest of this year as part of the build-up to his world record attempt at 100 metres freestyle at Leicester in January. His first stop is Cumbernauld this weekend for the first leg of the British grand prix.

"It's good to get a lot of racing in — doing proper races, getting race start and turn practice in instead of pretending," Fibbens said. "The more race chances I give myself the less pressure there'll be when it counts. When it comes, the big one should feel like a holiday." The only team mate who might upstage Fibbens in Montreal is Madeleine Campbell, one of four Portsmouth Northsea swimmers selected.

ENGLAND TEAM: Men: M Fibbens, M Harris (both Barnet Copthall), M Hooper, G Robins, A Rolley (all Portsmouth Northsea), A Ruckwood (City of Birmingham) Women: M Campbell (Portsmouth Northsea), S Page (Mercury Wigan Wasps) Team manager: B Lancaster Coach: F Furniss

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7 30 unless stated

European Cup
Second round, second leg

Arsenal (1) v Benfica (1) (8 00)

European Cup Winners' Cup
Second round, second leg

Man Utd (0) v Atlético Madrid (3) (8 00)

UEFA Cup
Second round, second leg

Celtic (1) v Neuchâtel Xamax (5) (7.10)
Liverpool (0) v Auxerre (2) (7 10)

Barclays League
Second division

Brighton v Grimsby (7 45)
Charlton v Swindon (7 45)
Newcastle v Cambridge (7 45)
Port Vale v Derby
Watford v Oxford (7 45)

Third division

Brentford v Birmingham (7.45)
Exeter v Bradford City
Huddersfield v Fulham
Torquay v Bournemouth

Fourth division

Doncaster v Rotherham
Hereford v Halifax

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Gainsborough, Chorley v Accrington
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE (7 00): First division: Coventry v West Bromwich; Sheffield Wednesday v Barnsley. Second division: Middlesbrough v Leicester, Notts County v Hull, Scunthorpe v Mansfield, Stoke v Burnley; Wigan v Wolves
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: Fulham v Brighton (2.00), QPR v Charlton (2 00); Swindon v Watford (2.00), Wimbledon v Southampton
FA VASE: First round replays: Felixstowe v Downham, Stotfold v Metropolitan Police, Burgess Hill v Three Bridges.
DIADORA LEAGUE: Second division: Southwick v Ware. Third division: Royston v Chertsey
CLIFTON STOCKBROKERS LEAGUE: Bristol City v Swansea City
JEWSON LEAGUE: Premier division: Cornard v Harwich and Parkeston; Stowmarket v Brightlingsea.
GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Bideford v Plymouth Argyle, Glastonbury v Westbury; Weston-super-Mare v Frome. Premier division: Ottery St Mary v Chard.
BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES CUP: Burnham v Buckingham Town; Burton v Sutton Coldfield, Bury Town v Chelmsford, Cambridge City v Braintree Town, Corby Town v Nuneaton Borough; Dorchester v Newport, Dudley v Bridgnorth; Dunstable v Witney; Fareham v Gosport, Hinckley v Tamworth; Hythe v Crawley; Weymouth v Havant

RUGBY UNION

REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Newport v Barbarians (7 00); Oxford University v Major R V Stanley's XV (3 00)

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Second division: Leigh v Oldham, Sheffield v Carlisle

OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: UK women's championships (Prestatyn)
ICE HOCKEY: Great Britain v Denmark (Basingstoke)
NETBALL: England v West Indies (Gateshead).
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges championships (Glasgow). Women's world championships (Hyde Park Hotel, London).
TENNIS: Diet Pepsi Indoor Classic (Birmingham). Women's Matchpoint challenger tournament (Manchester)

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Rich pickings beckon English champions

Merson's injury an unwelcome blow to Arsenal

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

IF ARSENAL are to beat Benfica at Highbury tonight and reach the lucrative round-robin series involving the last eight clubs in the European Cup, their attacking equipment should ideally be at its sharpest. Instead, as George Graham confirmed yesterday, it is bearing the signs of wear and tear.

Paul Merson, one of the latest recruits in the England squad, has been carrying a hamstring injury "for a while" and the problem was aggravated during training on Monday. The odds on him playing are no better than evens.

At least his future at the club is secure. Rumours that he was about to be sold to Rangers were refuted by the Arsenal manager. "There hasn't been an inquiry, let alone an offer," Graham said. "Even if there was, the answer would be swift. He is on a long contract and will see it through."

Kevin Campbell, a member of England's under-21 party, is considered doubtful too. While suffering from damaged knee ligaments, he not only played in the 1-1 draw in Lisbon but also claimed the goal which could yet be decisive. Although not fully fit, he may be asked to contribute further. Since Ian Wright is ineligible and Perry Groves has made few appearances, there is a shortage of recognised partners for Alan Smith in a front-line which has not been functioning as efficiently as usual. Arsenal, beaten in their last two domestic fixtures, scored in neither.

Nor is that the only concern. Their defence, which has already conceded more goals than in the whole of last season, will be led by Tony Adams. He is troubled by a groin strain, which is constantly being monitored by the club's medical officials and is evidently affecting the timing of his tackles.

Cautioned for a rash challenge in the first leg, Adams was booked for the same offence during his last outing, in the Rumbelows Cup tie against Coventry City. Even if he does make clean contact, some foreign opponents are not averse to reacting theatrically. Ominously, for instance, a player was sent off, reportedly for diving, during Benfica's goalless draw at Porto last weekend.

Graham noted that tonight's opponents, whose formation took him by surprise a fortnight ago, had been reshaped. Although the sweeper system was retained, they played with only one forward. Now, in an attempt to knock out an English club for the first time since 1962, Benfica are likely to adopt a similarly defensive posture. Yet the elusive Isaias, the cause of most of Arsenal's difficulties in the Stadium of Light, promises again to be a significant threat.

"They are capable of beating us," Graham conceded. "But I don't want to build them up. If we go in with the right attitude, there is no reason why we can't beat them even as convincingly as Austria Vienna in the first round."

A goalless draw is effectively all that is required. Arsenal would go through, in that case, on the away goals rule but they have prepared themselves for a more unnerving eventuality. Yesterday they practised penalties, the decisive method which would be used should the score again be 1-1.

The stakes are unprecedented. Although Graham was reluctant to discuss the hypothetical prospect of entering the league format and collecting the riches that would inevitably be gained, he admitted that he would relish the opportunity to match his side against the continent's strongest representatives.

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Brady believes Celtic can overcome odds

By Roddy Forsyth

PERHAPS the most bizarre aspect of what has become a surreal encounter in the second round of the Uefa Cup between Celtic and Neuchâtel Xamax is the insistence of both managers that the Swiss team is so poor that it is in danger of having its 5-1 first-leg lead overhauled at Parkhead this evening.

As Celtic retreated to their training camp at Seamill, on the Clyde coast, their manager, Liam Brady, said: "I really do believe that we can still win this tie, and I am not just saying that for effect.

"We have to guarantee that we are better organised against Neuchâtel and we have been working in training at keeping our defenders on their guard and not spreading themselves too thin when we go forward.

"If we get off to a good start, especially with an early goal or two, and keep things tight at the back I would say that we have a very good chance."

Meanwhile, Neuchâtel's English manager, Roy Hodgson, who described his team's prospects as "chanceless" prior to the first leg, said yesterday: "We cannot play better than we did in Switzerland but I have seen Celtic since then and I know they can improve. In fact, I expect them to be vastly better than they were two weeks ago.

"I was here last week to see them beat St Johnstone 4-0 and I have told my players that if Celtic are allowed any room at all they will be very dangerous. They could overrun us if we are not careful, although, of course, they have the difficulty that faces any team which throws players forward, which is that gaps usually appear at the back."

Since Celtic are also acutely aware that the loss of a goal at any stage could undo whatever good work they achieve this evening, Brady has emphasised that adventure must be tempered with caution. The main responisbility for organising the defence will fall on Wdoczyk, who will be reinforced by Whyte and Galloway.

Each will be expected to move upfield when the opportunity beckons but only if adequate cover has been guaranteed. While such an instruction makes sense, Celtic's defenders have shown a tendency to be influenced by the sustained passion which exudes from the Parkhead terracings on these occasions.

Hossam Hassan, the Egyptian World Cup forward who scored four goals for Neuchâtel in the first leg, subsequently declared: "I will score in Glasgow. Whether I score one goal or four I do not know, but I will score." Yesterday, there was a doubt about Hassan's fitness but it seems unlikely that Neuchâtel will forsake his services.

The Celtic captain, Paul McStay, whose 27th birthday coincided with the first leg, said yesterday: "I certainly want to erase that evening from my mind and normally we would have to accept that a 5-1 scoreline means that you are effectively out of the competition. The amazing thing about this tie is that we know we are still in it.

"I wouldn't even say that we are going to need a miracle. What we are good at is scoring goals and if we do that tonight we are halfway there. It certainly is not a foregone conclusion and I think there are definitely goals still to be scored in this tie."

On Monday, bookmakers were quoted as being prepared to offer 15-1 against Celtic winning on aggregate. The odds, however, seem to have shrunk. Last night Celtic were down to 8-1 against. Neuchatel, moreover, are 6-1 against to win over the 90 minutes. It seems that the bookmakers, too, believe that this tie is still wide open.

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T3

McEnroe can save blushes of organisers

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

THE organisers of the Diet Pepsi tennis challenge in Birmingham will be putting their hands together in prayer for the well-being of John McEnroe tonight. Defeat for McEnroe, the No. 2 seed, who plays Alex Mronz in the first round, would leave the Diet Pepsi with a chorus and no lead singer and the Lawn Tennis Association, joint partners in the $500,000 event, with a further embarrassing loss to add to the estimated £500,000 deficit incurred on the Federation Cup last summer.

It is still early days but there is little sign that the tournament has caught the imagination of the midlands public yet. The crowd for the first three sessions could be counted in three rather than four figures and the new National Indoor Arena has received more applause from the players than the players have from the people. McEnroe, though, could change that.

ProServ, the sports marketing agents who have picked up an ailing event in one of the worst weeks of the tennis calendar, have given themselves three years to restore the tournament to the glory it once enjoyed at the Wembley Arena. The timing and the prevailing mood of the game, which means that the best players will barely scratch their nose for the $65,000 first prize, are against it, but Josh Ripple, the tournament director, remained optimistic. "Moving to a new city is always a three-year process. We aim to make this a huge event," he said.

The cause was not helped by the absence of Jimmy Connors, whose face appears on all the publicity posters. A hero in middle America he might be, but his name is mud in Birmingham where his pinched neck muscle has invoked more cynicism than sympathy. Ripple, who is well enough versed in the ways of the game to have been half-expecting the call anyway, is still awaiting the doctor's certificate to verify the injury. "Some of these guys should be hit hard for what they do," he said.

Not that too many tears should be shed on ProServ's behalf. The agents are more than partly to blame for the absenteeism by organising lucrative exhibitions in opposition to tour events. Three of them — in Rome, Milan and Marseilles — have lured the best players away this week.

The pity is that, in the absence of all bar one of the world's best 20, some very competitive tennis is being played by the infantry in the National Indoor Arena. Six of the first 11 matches went the full distance, with Chris Bailey just failing to join Jeremy Bates in the second round yesterday. Bailey took the first set on a tie-break and had an early break in the second before losing 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, to Grant Connell. "This was the best match I have played since my injury," he said.

Mal Washington and Thierry Champion also reached the second round. "The heart of the event is more than just Jimmy Connors," added Ripple. "It's the city, the arena, the people and the players." And, for tonight at least, John McEnroe.

☐ Only two British players, Samantha Smith and Mandy Grunfeld, survived the opening day of the Texaco Women's Challenge in Bramhall yesterday. Smith, aged 19, took only 55 minutes to dispose of another British player, Shirli-Ann Siddall, 6-0, 6-2. Grunfeld went through after her opponent, Kay Hand, of Berkshire, withdrew with an injured shoulder when trailing 4-0 in the first set.

RESULTS: First round: J Bates (GB) bt C Shoearu (Rom), 4-6, 7-6, 6-4; R Reneberg (US) bt L Jonsson (Swe), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; G Connell (Can) bt C Bailey (GB), 6-7, 7-6, 6-3; T Nijssen (Neth) bt J Tarango (US), 6-2, 6-4; M Larsson (Swe) bt W Masur (Aus), 6-3, 6-2; M Washington (US) bt P Lundgren (Swe), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; T Champion (Fr) bt J Gunnarsson (Swe), 6-2, 6-2.

Guscott move is dismissed

THE St Helens rugby league club chairman, Eric Latham, yesterday dismissed reports that England's rugby union centre, Jeremy Guscott, is likely to join them.

St Helens had made Guscott a lucrative offer when Alex Murphy was coach two-and-a-half years ago but Latham said that reports of the club offering Guscott a four-year contract worth £500,000 were "hogwash".

He added: "There is no foundation in the stories whatsoever. We had a brief telephone conversation with Jeremy ten months ago but that was our last contact."

"We have made no immediate plans to make another approach and he has not been discussed again at board level."

Meanwhile, Australia's leading young centres, Tim Horan and Jason Little, returned home yesterday pledging not to change codes. The pair, prime targets for the professional code, said they were looking forward to continuing in union.

Horan said that he had had several friendly approaches from league scouts. "There are so many places to see and so many people to meet (in rugby union)," he said.

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Tyson lined up to meet Holyfield in spring

Los Angeles — The postponed world heavyweight title bout between the champion, Evander Holyfield, and the former title holder, Mike Tyson, could take place in the spring.

Dan Duva, Holyfield's manager, has predicted that the meeting originally scheduled to take place on November 8, but postponed after Tyson injured himself in training, could go ahead in March. "I think there's better-than-even chance the fight will happen in march or April," he said.

Referring to Tyson's trial on rape charges in January, Duva said: "I believe there will be a delay. Very rarely do trials start on time . . . my feeling is that Mike's trial will not start on January 27 and that we will have a chance to put it together again."

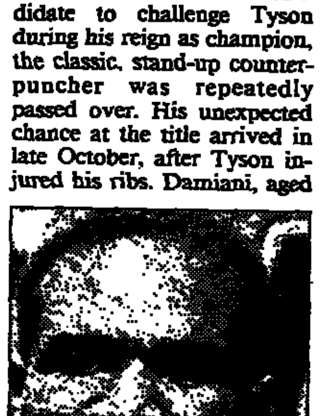
Holyfield meanwhile will face Francesco Damiani, of Italy, a late substitute, in Atlanta on November 23 for his World Boxing Association (WBA), and International Boxing Federation (IBF) titles.

The World Boxing Council (WBC) has refused to recognise the fight because Damiani is not ranked in their top ten. If Holyfield is beaten by Damiani, the WBC crown will become vacant.

The WBC, which will view the meeting as a non-title bout, said it would give world championship status to a heavyweight contest only if Holyfield made a mandatory title defence against the No. 1 challenger, an apparent reference to Mike Tyson.

Damiani, however, has some impressive credentials. A silver medal winner at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics and a former WBO world heavyweight champion, he has stood on the threshold of boxing's big time for years.

Often mentioned as a candidate to challenge Tyson during his reign as champion, the classic, stand-up counter-puncher was repeatedly passed over. His unexpected chance at the title arrived in late October, after Tyson injured his ribs. Damiani, aged 33, knows he will be the underdog against Holyfield. But he insists that he has a chance. "Undoubtedly, he's the best fighter I've ever faced," he said. "He's not a pure power-puncher. But he can turn it on. And more important, he knows when to turn it on. His strength is his hand speed. And so is mine. We'll see who's faster when we meet in the ring."



Holyfield: new opponent

Damiani lost both his WBO crown and his unbeaten record to the 1988 Olympic heavyweight gold medal winner, Ray Mercer, in Atlantic City in January, when he was knocked out in the tenth round.

The Damiani-Mercer bout had been billed as an unofficial heavyweight championship semi-final, with the winner earning a chance to challenge Holyfield. The loss seemed to signal the end of Damiani's short stint as a world-class contender.

"I still think about that fight," Damiani, who was well ahead on points when a Mercer uppercut grazed his nose in the tenth, unleashing a torrent of blood and sending him down for the count, said. "I think about it at night, when I can't sleep. But a loss can be important, too. It reminds you that you're not invincible. And that nobody is."

Rice eager to take his chance

By Vijay Rana

CLIVE Rice, who will captain South Africa in their first official international cricket match for 21 years on Sunday, said yesterday: "I have waited a long time for this day. I am delighted that we can now play in India and show the talent of South Africans."

Rice, who was chosen as a youngster for South Africa's aborted tour of Australia 20 years ago, said he is particularly delighted that he will be responsible for leading his country back into the mainstream of international cricket. "All those problems that we had with apartheid are now being thrown out and we can get back as a normal country in the rest of the world."

On Sunday, Rice will lead South Africa in the world's largest cricket stadium, at Eden Gardens, Calcutta, in the first of three one-day internationals against India. A crowd of at least 90,000 is expected.

Rice said: "South Africans have never ever played in front of the crowd bigger than probably 25,000, so suddenly when you get 93,000 or 100,000, you say it is going to be an experience just on its own and they are all cricket mad as well. I think it is going to be a fantastic occasion."

He says that, although there is no lack of individual talent in South Africa's 14-man party, the players have not played together. "That is our biggest problem," he admits. "Our biggest weakness is that we don't understand one another in terms of playing together. But certainly we have got a powerful team."

"Since West Indian rebel sides came to South Africa," Rice added, "I think they [the blacks] really started to identify with cricket . . . so we have only six or seven years for black players to come through."

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Australian IOC members refute claim

By Our Sports Staff

KEVAN Gosper, a vice-president of the International Olympic Committee, has refuted claims made by the German news magazine, *Der Spiegel*, and reported in *The Times* yesterday, that Australian members to the IOC had tried to manipulate the voting to decide the host city for the 2000 Olympics.

The magazine had claimed that the Australians had attempted to ensure that the Sydney bid for the Games would be successful by threatening to release evidence that Atlanta had bribed members of the IOC in order to gain the 1996 Games.

Gosper, who is one of the two Australian delegates (the other being Phil Coles, the secretary general of the Australian Olympic committee who is based in Sydney), said they had "absolutely no knowledge of any so-called evidence of bribery surrounding the successful bid by Atlanta to be the host city in 1996. There is no doubt that Atlanta won on merit."

He said the allegations wrongly impugned the integrity of both Australian delegates but were particularly offensive to him because of his membership of a special committee appointed by the IOC to review the bidding and voting process for future Olympic Games.

"I'm about to go to a meeting in Lausanne to ensure we reduce the risk of these sorts of problems and here I am as vice-president being accused of manipulating the whole process to ensure that Sydney can win," Gosper said.

"Apart from rubbing off on us as IOC members, this sort of thing could tarnish the integrity of the Sydney bid," he added. "The system for selecting host cities may not be perfect, but the IOC's appointment of this special committee shows that it is aware of the need for the process to be fair, open and not exorbitantly expensive.

"Sensationalist, unsubstantiated claims of the kind made in *Der Spiegel* do nothing but harm the IOC's efforts in this regard and constitute an unwarranted attack on the reputation of the International Olympic Committee."

Der Spiegel had suggested that Berlin's bid for the 2000 Games was pointless because the matter had already been settled in favour of Sydney, despite other applications from Peking, Manchester, Brasilia and Milan. "This is not a very good way for Berlin to go about winning the bid for the year 2000," Gosper said.